

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING AID WORKERS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 10 courageous men and women whose lives were brutally cut short in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan, on August 5th, 2010. These individuals devoted their lives to helping others, and unfortunately, paid the ultimate price.

In particular, I would like to recognize and honor Brian Carderelli, a constituent of mine from Harrisonburg, Virginia. Mr. Carderelli was a recent graduate from James Madison University and was working to chronicle the work of the aid workers by recording them in photographs and video. Unlike many new college graduates, Mr. Carderelli chose to pursue a career in a challenging foreign environment, where his dedication to improving the lives of others took priority. His work with the International Assistance Mission and the International School of Kabul are a testament to that dedication.

Though the work of Mr. Carderelli and the International Assistance Mission team was certainly valued by those they helped, unfortunately not everyone appreciated their efforts. For several years, the Taliban ruled Afghanistan with brutality and terror. Intolerance for other religions and ignorance of human rights was standard. While the situation for the citizens of Afghanistan has improved since the rule of the Taliban, their presence has not been eliminated, and their brutal tactics persist.

The work of Brian Carderelli and his nine fellow workers is the work that will ultimately erode support for the Taliban and end that chapter in the country's history for good. Their efforts were selfless and humble, and are an inspiration to us all. These dedicated individuals will be missed, but the untold impact that each one of them had on the lives that they touched will certainly not be forgotten.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, while there are several issues that we would like to continue working on as this bill moves forward, I want to voice my support for H.R. 4714, the "National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2010."

The NTSB is a small, but important, part of the federal government and makes critical

contributions to our nation's transportation safety each year.

In 1967, Congress formed the NTSB as an independent agency to investigate civil aviation accidents and significant transportation accidents in the surface modes—railroad, highway, marine, and pipeline—as well as assisting victims of fatal accidents.

Since its creation in 1967, the NTSB has investigated more than 132,000 aviation accidents and more than 10,000 accidents in other transportation modes. As a result of these investigations, the Board has issued a total of almost 13,000 safety recommendations and over 82 percent of those have been adopted.

In making safety improvement recommendations based on world-class investigations, hundreds of NTSB professionals as well as the Federal Aviation Administration and the aviation industry have helped create the safest aviation system in the world. With its current resources, NTSB continues to do a tremendous service to this Nation and the traveling public in all modes of transportation.

H.R. 4714, as amended, provides for a four-year reauthorization—fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

Given the size of the federal deficit and the improvement in aviation safety resulting in fewer aviation accidents requiring NTSB's attention, we are concerned with the level of funding authorized in this bill.

We believe that a better starting point for the NTSB's funding levels is \$100.4 million, the amount requested in the fiscal year 2011 President's budget. The NTSB both supports and is comfortable with the President's budget Request.

Despite the state of the federal budget, as introduced, H.R. 4714 would have authorized a twenty percent increase over current levels from 2010 to 2011.

Even a ten percent increase in authorization levels, as included in the amended version of H.R. 4714, raises concerns due to the Federal deficit. H.R. 4714, as amended, would authorize a total of a 27 percent increase in funding over 4 years.

We remain concerned with the authorization levels contained in the bill and look forward to continuing to work with our colleagues on this issue should H.R. 4714 go to conference.

This bill also expands the NTSB's authority to investigate "incidents" in all modes of transportation. The bill directs the NTSB to define the term "incidents" in a rulemaking. It is our understanding that the Department of Transportation will be given the opportunity to comment on and influence the NTSB's rulemaking. This bill would also require the formulation of Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with each appropriate modal agency to describe and reach understanding on the roles and responsibilities of each party in the event of an NTSB incident investigation.

We believe that the inclusion of "incidents" in the definition of "accidents" will require close oversight by Congress to ensure that there are no negative impacts on the ability of each modal transportation agency to inves-

tigate and conduct enforcement activities. The potential for the NTSB to obtain evidence voluntarily from the parties involved in an incident may limit the evidence available to the modal agencies in the pursuit of an enforcement action.

We also remain concerned about the impact of a provision prohibiting the disclosure of information by party representatives during an investigation. While the intent of the provision is sincere, its impact may severely harm the party representative system, a system that has served the Nation well over the years.

We would like to work with the Chairman and Rep. CARNAHAN to ensure the provision achieves its intended result without unintended consequences.

Finally, we would like to thank the Chairman for trying to address the concerns raised at markup regarding the language in the bill on interim recommendations.

Unfortunately, despite these changes to the bill, we are still concerned that there may be some confusion with the issuance of both interim safety recommendations and final recommendations. Again, we hope the Chairman will continue to work with us to address these concerns as this bill moves forward.

While these are several issues that we would like to continue working on in a bipartisan manner, we do support H.R. 4714 and look forward to working together to improve the bill.

I thank the Chairman as well as my other colleagues for their work on this bipartisan bill.

HARVARD PILGRIM CANCELS MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN, SADLY A SIGN OF MORE TO COME

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, sadly what we said would happen to the popular Medicare Advantage program when Congress enacted Obamacare is starting to come true. Harvard Pilgrim recently notified 22,000 New England seniors that it would be canceling their Medicare Advantage plans at the end of the year. The decision to cancel their participation in the program was made because of the newly enacted freeze in federal reimbursements and their concerns regarding the long-term viability of Medicare Advantage.

I am very afraid that Harvard Pilgrim is just the tip of the iceberg. Other Medicare Advantage providers will probably reach the same decision to cancel their participation. Health care reform was supposed to allow those individuals who liked their health care insurance to be able to keep it. Sadly these 22,000 New England seniors are now searching for new coverage in 2011. We must restore Medicare Advantage for our seniors that depend on it.

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REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF
NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS
AND IRANIAN SANCTIONS**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the grave threat posed to the stability of the Middle East if the Iranian regime were to acquire or develop nuclear weapons technology.

In June, CIA Director Leon Panetta speculated that Iran probably has enough low-enriched uranium for two nuclear weapons. The silver lining, if there is one, is that according to Panetta we likely have sometime before they would be able to build weapons with this material. I firmly support the Administration's effort to use this limited time to press Iran in every way available to deter them from attaining a nuclear capability. It is important that the President have strong tools to enforce this effort, which is why I co-sponsored the Iran Sanctions Accountability and Divestment Act, which was signed into law on July 1, 2010. These sanctions have also been backed by the European Union.

Last week, in a speech at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Stuart Levey, the Treasury Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, said U.S. and international sanctions are "dramatically isolating Iran financially and commercially." He was optimistic that this "can and will create leverage for our diplomacy." By targeting Iran's import of refined petroleum and its banking industries, these sanctions are putting a squeeze on the regime and hopefully will ultimately discourage any illicit activity.

As Chairman of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee, I know all too well the seriousness of the nuclear weapons business. While these weapons cannot be put "back in their bottle," responsible nations with this technology can work to stop those who seek to acquire them in order to hold the world and their neighbors hostage. I commend President Obama, Secretary of State Clinton, and my predecessor and friend Ellen Tauscher on making non-proliferation a cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy, and I hope the world community will join us in prioritizing non-proliferation and maintaining pressure on Iran as one critical step towards this goal.

NET ARMOR MADE IN FRANKLIN,
MA SAVES LIVES IN AFGHANISTAN**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues a message I received last week from Technology Solutions Group—LAST Armor, a manufacturing company in Franklin, Massachusetts, and a production facility of QinetiQ-NA (QNA). This company keeps good jobs in Franklin—but

more importantly, Mr. Speaker, they save lives in Afghanistan.

The Franklin facility produces what is called "net armor" to protect a wide range of vehicles that transport our soldiers on missions in Afghanistan. This net design was developed jointly by QNA, DARPA and ONR. Easy to use, these QNA nets provide many types of vehicles with 360-degree protection, including overhead, from rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs). This ultra-lightweight, low-cost and easily adaptable protection will even defeat multiple RPG hits.

Earlier this year, I toured the Franklin facility. I had the opportunity to talk with the workers and plant managers, and I saw the net armor they were manufacturing. I heard the enthusiasm and pride they had in their work, and I tried to imagine how the light-weight nets that I held could possibly stop a rocket-launched grenade.

And then last Thursday, I received a note from the company. It was a story that appeared September 22nd in an online newsletter from Fort Campbell, Kentucky. It's written by U.S. Army 1st Lieutenant R.J. Peek, who is with the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. His story is filed from Ghazni Province in Afghanistan, and he talks about how his platoon was ambushed and his truck, covered with the new net armor, had taken three direct hits by insurgent RPGs and not one penetrated the truck. He finishes his story with the following quote, "All of the Soldiers whose vehicles were hit by RPGs are alive today and still in the fight" because the QNA nets did exactly what they were supposed to do.

Madam Speaker, I hope all the workers at the Franklin facility have seen this report from the field. We are proud of the courage and sacrifice of our uniformed men and women in Afghanistan. But we are equally as proud of the men and women in Franklin, Massachusetts whose labor helps save the lives of our troops each and every day.

Madam Speaker, I would like to enter into the RECORD 1st Lieutenant Peek's story, so that all my colleagues can appreciate his candor and the description of what his platoon faces every day, and how the QNA nets are making a difference.

[From Clarksville Online, September 22, 2010]

(By U.S. Army 1st Lt. R.J. Peek, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division)

GHAZNI PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN.—When 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry began using new mine-resistant, ambush-protected all-terrain vehicles, they also made the switch from bar cage armor to net armor.

When the first few trucks moved into circulation with the net armor, many Soldiers were concerned about its effectiveness, but the nets were combat tested September 19th, and Soldiers approved.

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Matthew Ward from Herndon, VA, platoon leader of 2nd Platoon, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry, confessed he was skeptical about the nets. "I just didn't think the thin net would be able to safeguard the vehicle and the Soldiers from a rocket-propelled grenade."

While conducting a patrol along a highly traveled road in eastern Ghazni, insurgents initiated an ambush from close range. Less than 100 meters away, insurgents fired a volley of RPG rounds, followed by a series of machine gun fire and then another RPG.

The Soldiers of 2nd Plt., B Co. returned fire and moved their trucks forward out of the ambush. From their new position, the Soldiers continued to fire, forcing the enemy to break off the attack and flee. What amazed the Soldiers, and the leaders, was the trucks had taken three direct hits by insurgent RPGs and none had penetrated the trucks.

"The worst effect of the insurgents' RPG fire was that I got my bell rung a bit," said U.S. Army Pfc. Joseph Sweat from Smithville, Tennessee. Sweat was driving one of the trucks that was hit. "The RPGs detonated at the nets, failing to penetrate the vehicle's armor," said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Cameron Erisman from Hiram, GA.

"It turns out, the nets did exactly as advertised they would do," added Ward. "All of the Soldiers whose vehicles were hit by RPGs are alive today and still in the fight."

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAM VET-
ERANS OF AMERICA—READING,
PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER**HON. JOE SESTAK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, on September 24th, 2010, in Reading, Pennsylvania, a ceremony marked the 22nd anniversary of that proud community's Vietnam Memorial. It is my personal honor to join the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Reading, PA Chapter in celebrating that event. The author Myra MacPherson wrote that "above all, Vietnam was a war that asked everything of a few and nothing of most in America." When called, many young Americans went abroad to fight for our Nation—just as their fathers did before them. Sadly, the sacrifices they made in Southeast Asia were not reciprocated by our government or the American public. They returned to a nation wracked by recession and without the medical care, counseling, educational opportunities or public support they deserved.

That outrageous neglect persisted for over thirty years as a grossly underfunded Department of Veterans Affairs was unable to meet their needs. As a result, courageous men and women suffered alone for years with the debilitating illnesses associated with exposure to Agent Orange and other physical and emotional maladies unique to that war. The fight to right those wrongs was led by the VVA, and as the senior most veteran ever elected to the House of Representatives, it has been my solemn duty in Congress to see that our Vietnam veterans receive the recognition and resources that belatedly fulfill our obligation to them and their families for their service to a now grateful Nation.

The 110th and 111th Congresses have worked very hard in that regard but more needs to be done. Madam Speaker, I ask that this chamber pause to acknowledge the patriotism, courage, and fraternity of the VVA and salute every veteran of the Vietnam War. With our nation again at war, let us continue our work to finally, fully support veterans of all conflicts. And let us pledge to never again abandon a generation of brave American warriors.

IN GRATITUDE TO CHRISTIAN
SHREWSBURY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a brave young boy in my district, Christian Shrewsbury.

At just one year old, Christian is battling Spinal Muscular Atrophy II, a motor neuron disease, which affects the voluntary muscles that are used for activities such as crawling, walking, head and neck control and swallowing. It is a relatively common "rare disorder": approximately one in 6,000 babies born are affected, and about one in 40 people are genetic carriers.

Though there is currently no cure or treatment for SMA, I am profoundly inspired by the courage exhibited by Christian and his family each day.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I extend our sincerest gratitude to Christian, for his spirit and the encouragement he provides to other young children and for the joy he brings to all around him.

PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENCE
WITH AMENDMENTS IN SENATE
AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3619, COAST
GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1665, which provides for concurrence by the House in the Senate Amendments to H.R. 3619, with amendments.

The Coast Guard reauthorization before us is the product of four years of work. I commend Chairman OBERSTAR for his leadership and Ranking Members MICA and LOBIONDO on the Transportation Committee for working so closely with us.

I also thank Chairman BENNIE THOMPSON and Ranking Member KING of the Homeland Security Committee—and I thank all of our Senate counterparts for their commitment to completing this authorization.

I have often described the Coast Guard as our "thin blue line" at sea. That line has rarely been stretched as thin as it was this past year as the service responded to the Gulf oil spill and the earthquake in Haiti while carrying out its other daily missions.

H.R. 3619 authorizes \$10.2 billion in fiscal year 2011 for the Coast Guard and increases the authorized end-strength for military personnel by 1,500 members to 47,000 total personnel.

This is a small down-payment on what we owe our Coast Guardsmen and women—and it is long overdue.

This legislation also includes a number of finely tuned provisions strengthening the Coast Guard's implementation and management of its many missions.

Title IV of this legislation, which includes provisions I authored and that previously passed the House as H.R. 1665, will modernize the Coast Guard's management of its billion dollar annual acquisition program by imposing requirements that complement reforms the Coast Guard has already enacted and ensure full accountability for taxpayer funds.

Specifically, Title IV will require the appointment of a chief acquisition officer who can be a senior military officer or member of the senior executive service but who must be a trained acquisition professional with the highest available acquisition certification.

It will also eliminate the use of private sector lead systems integrators and require the Coast Guard to develop independent life-cycle cost estimates for its largest procurements.

Further, Title IV requires the Coast Guard to complete a thorough mission needs analysis and a preliminary affordability assessment before initiating a large acquisition; it requires the Coast Guard to consider trade-offs among cost, schedule, and performance when establishing operational requirements; and it requires thorough testing of new assets.

Finally, this legislation applies strict cost and schedule breach standards to Coast Guard acquisitions so that Congress will be alerted when cost overruns or schedule delays occur.

H.R. 3619 will also reorganize the service's senior leadership, strengthen its marine safety program, establish safety equipment and construction standards for certain fishing vessels, and strengthen the service's homeland security missions.

I am disappointed that a number of provisions in the House-passed legislation were dropped in the final bill, including provisions I authored that would have created a student loan program for maritime workers and provisions strengthening diversity at the Coast Guard Academy.

I will continue to work on these critical issues, including working to move legislation that I believe addresses significant current challenges.

That said, H.R. 3619 is an urgently needed authorization for the Coast Guard and I urge its passage in the House today.

Finally, I also join Chairman OBERSTAR in commending the outstanding service of the Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, John Cullather.

John is one of the true professionals on the Hill—and he will be sorely missed.

His knowledge of maritime issues and of the history and missions of the Coast Guard is truly unparalleled—as is his knowledge of House procedures and his passion of service to those who work, travel, and recreate on our nation's waterways.

John is also an exceptional man—a profoundly generous and caring individual who has the respect of every single person on the Transportation Committee and of everyone throughout our maritime industry.

I wish John the very best as he begins his new adventures.

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD GILDEA

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Harold Gildea, a World War II Army veteran from Boone, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors our Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Harold Gildea was recognized on Tuesday, September 28. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: HAROLD GILDEA

(By: Greg Eckstrom)

Harold Gildea, a Luther native and World War II veteran, has had a varied military experience.

During his time in the service, he's escorted General George S. Patton, had a chance meeting with a prisoner of war overseas from Boxholm, saw the end of World War II and helped guard a boat full of beer.

Typical? Not really, but what was in World War II?

Gildea was born in Luther, a town his family had lived in for 150 years. After graduating from Luther High School, he signed up for the draft on Feb. 16, 1942 and was drafted after graduation. By September of 1942, he was processed at Camp Dodge and sent to Missouri to become a Military Policeman with the 211th Military Police in the Army.

"I don't know how come, but I was chosen to be in this military police company in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.," he said . . . a decision that he considered lucky, "in a way."

After training, Gildea was met with an assignment that was far from normal. He was sent to California at the end of May to help accompany Gen. Patton across the Mojave Desert. While the assignment was an honor, it was hot, to say the least.

"He'd run these tanks through an intersection, and our men would be there to direct him," Gildea said. "You could only stand out in the intersection about 30 minutes and your feet would start to scald. We'd have to have men in there to keep changing. Those tanks, the dust would be 8 to 10 inches deep, and that hot sun's over 120 degrees."

From California, he was sent to southern New Guinea to relieve MP's in the area. The fourth morning he was there, Gildea was at breakfast when he spotted a soldier that looked familiar.

"I don't know why I put it like I did, but I said, 'Would you know any of the McFarlands from Madrid?'" Gildea said. "He just sat there and stared at me. He said, 'I am one.'"

The chance encounter overseas with a fellow Boone County native was interesting—almost as interesting as Gildea's next assignment. He had been in southern New Guinea for only two weeks when he was put on guard duty . . . keeping watch over interesting cargo.

"We'd been there probably about two weeks and some ships come in, and they assigned us to guard this one ship," he said. "When we got down there it was loaded with beer. A whole ship loaded with beer. Well, [Gen. Douglas] McArthur wouldn't let them have it, so they assigned us as duty to guard that beer to make sure it stayed there."

For six weeks, the beer sat in the ship. It wasn't until a few soldiers figured out how to break open a port window and throw some of the beer into the ocean to scoop up later that any of it could be consumed. Finally, the beer was released and Gildea's strange guard duty was over.

Gildea moved around to several different areas, being assigned to various guard duties and police work. He remembers the climate being hot and humid, with not much for areas to escape the weather.

At a staging area where soldiers prepared to enter Japan, in Leyte, Gildea found himself in the hospital with an illness. While there, soldiers from Corregidor liberated American women and children from a prison there. These former prisoners were sent to the hospital that Gildea was recovering.

"I had been there for three weeks, and I was getting to where I could get up and move around," he said. "They come in one morning and wanted to know if some of us boys could get up and help the women and children with their stuff. They were putting them through their interrogation. I went up to this lady and little girl and spoke to her and said I'd be glad to help her. We got to visiting, and the little girls' folks were from Boxholm, Iowa. Her mother had died in prison, and her dad was some place out in the jungles.

"This lady . . . I can't remember where this lady was from . . . this lady brought the girl back to Boone," Gildea said. "They were in Boone and called my folks and went up and talked to them."

The dropping of the atomic bombs brought about the end of the war, and with it great relief from many soldiers. Gildea had already been training to go to Japan. He was a part of three platoons in the company—one dealing with traffic control, one with prisoners and one general guard duty. While being given their duties, one that struck the soldiers was tagging bodies.

"That's how bad they were figuring it was going to be," he said.

Gildea was 3/4 of a mile away from the U.S.S. Missouri while the peace treaty signing was being done.

"We could see it through good field glasses," he said. "You could see people moving around. We could say we've seen it, I guess."

Following the end of the war, Gildea was sent to Yokohama, where he stayed in the third floor of a large building. Everything in the area had been fire bombed, however this building had been spared. He also recalled one other building in the area that was still standing.

"There was a little Methodist church," he said. "It was made of brick, and it never burned."

It was while staying in this building that he made a trade with a Japanese man that was moving out of the building. He had several postcards of the building on his desk, which Gildea asked for, and the man agreed. He then asked Gildea for some chocolate from his rations . . . he had a little boy who had never tasted chocolate. Gildea obliged.

"He had a little boy who was seven years old and never tasted chocolate," he said. "It was kind of amazing to think that he wanted that candy."

Gildea's time overseas was varied. His recollections vary from the odd to touching to humorous. He enjoyed his time overseas, however quickly reminds folks that at the time, it was not much of a choice. Whether being drafted or not, for most men at the time, serving their country was something they did without much thought.

"We had no other choice," he said. "It's just our duty and we had to do it."

I commend Harold Gildea for his many years of loyalty and service to

our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF STEVE HEGEDUS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Steve Hegedus, beloved family man, friend, mentor, firefighter, peace activist and United States veteran.

Mr. Hegedus grew up in Cleveland along Buckeye Road where many Hungarian immigrants, like his parents, had settled. He served with honor in the United States Army during World War II as a member of the 11th Airborne in the Pacific Theater. The young men he met while at war grew to be close and life-long friends. After the war, Mr. Hegedus joined the Cleveland Heights Fire Department where he served with excellence, compassion and dedication for more than thirty years. He eventually attained the rank of Captain. While a firefighter, he operated a small home repair business. Although his work ethic was unwavering, his first priority was always his family. He and his wife, the late Mary Rose Hegedus, raised their children and remained closely connected to them and their grandchildren. When Mary Rose became ill, Mr. Hegedus lovingly cared for her. His daughter, Pamela; son, Steven; son-in-law, Timothy; daughter-in-law, Debbie; and grandchildren, Jordan and Ariel continued to be the center of his life.

Mr. Hegedus' energy for life, passion for learning and willingness to take a stand on issues of social justice were always part of who he was. He lived with love for humanity and concern for our planet. He was an environmentalist before most even knew what the word meant. Mr. Hegedus took great care of his garden and fruit trees, sharing his harvest with friends, family and neighbors. He utilized green practices before they were popular, was an active member of the Sierra Club and he served on the board of the Cleveland Peace Action. Mr. Hegedus was an outspoken advocate against nuclear arms and was an outspoken leader of the Lyndhurst Nuclear Weapons Freeze Group. He was also an avid patron of theater, music, literature and the arts, and he attended lectures and performances on a regular basis. Mr. Hegedus was a long-time member of the South Euclid Library Book Club.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Steve Hegedus, whose kindness, colorful personality, love for humanity, and devotion to family and friends framed his entire life. His beautiful spirit will live on, and he will always be remembered.

CALLING ON TURKISH-OCCUPIED CYPRUS TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS ARTIFACTS

SPEECH OF

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to H. Res. 1631, a one-sided resolution that seeks to advance political interests under the guise of the protection of religious sites on the island of Cyprus. This resolution carries with it the potential to significantly damage relations between Turkish and Greek Cypriots at a time when reconciliation talks are at a critical stage. In fact, the United Nations special envoy for Cyprus expressed hope that, an agreement on the divided island could be brokered by the end of the year.

In 2009, Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders took a tremendous step toward reconciliation with the formation of the Cultural Heritage Technical Committee, an organization tasked with the protection, preservation, and restoration of the rich cultural heritage of Cyprus. This committee has made enormous progress in identifying sites, located in both northern and southern Cyprus, which are suitable for restoration and protection. This committee has been one of the most successful vehicles yet created for fostering open dialogue and honest conversation between Greek and Turkish Cypriots on an issue of great importance to both communities. It would be unfortunate if actions by the U.S. Congress were to somehow unintentionally disrupt the progress that has been made so far to protect and restore precious artifacts and heritage sites.

While I commend my colleagues for their desire to protect the rich cultural heritage of Cyprus, the two parties in this conflict are already working to correct the wrongs of the past. This resolution puts their hard work in jeopardy, and I urge Congress to play a peacemaking role, rather than take sides in a dispute.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. JOE HUBBARD

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary life of Mr. Joe Hubbard, a tireless advocate and dedicated servant for people in need.

For fifty years in the East St. Louis community, Joe Hubbard has been the person that people turn to when they have nowhere else to turn. When a single mother needs shelter and food for her children; when a family has seen all their possessions destroyed in a fire; when an unemployed father has lost all hope of finding a job; or when an elderly person comes to the end of life with no family or friends to see them through their final days, there has been one response—call Joe Hubbard.

Joe Hubbard learned about families in need the hard way. His father experienced a debilitating workplace injury when Joe was young,

forcing his family into financial hardship and requiring them to accept assistance from others. No doubt this early experience, in concert with Joe's deep Christian faith and the example of some compassionate mentors, played a significant role in setting him on his life's mission of helping those less fortunate.

As a young man, Joe became involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and began to expand his work with the poor through that organization. Realizing the need to provide an organizational foundation to capitalize on Joe's dedication and energy, the Catholic Diocese of Belleville began Catholic Urban Programs with Joe as Coordinator, a position he has held to this day.

There are those who say that Joe Hubbard can accomplish more with one phone call than others could with a week's work. In the past 50 years, Joe has developed many contacts and knows how to pull the right resources together to solve a problem. But Joe Hubbard is not just a high-level administrator. Joe goes into the broken homes and squalid apartments to deliver assistance. He visits the sick and elderly and those in prison. He delivers the food and clothing to families. He holds the hands of people as they lay dying, listening to their final words and seeing to it that they are laid to rest with dignity.

Joe Hubbard has received many accolades for the work he has done ministering to the poor and needy in his community but that has never been what drives him. Joe's faith, his family and many friends and service to his fellow man are important to him. Joe has been quoted, "When you are created in the image and likeness of God. . . . We all have a common bond of love." This statement probably best explains what has kept Joe Hubbard doing God's work for his fellow man for these past 50 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Joe Hubbard for a lifetime of compassionate care and to wish him the very best in the future.

IN HONOR OF THE EVESHAM
TWINNING ASSOCIATION'S 20TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am extremely pleased to honor the Evesham Twinning Association on their 20th Anniversary of their "twin town" relationship between Evesham, New Jersey and Evesham, England. The year 2010 marks 20 years that the two towns of Evesham have shared a formal relationship of friendship.

The little known tradition of twin towns began after World War II to promote international relationships. This tradition was meant to unite a global community to guard against animosity between cultures. While still a new concept in the United States, twin towns has a rich tradition in Europe that fosters appreciation of other cultures and creates bonds between communities.

This tradition of acceptance of similarities and differences between Evesham, New Jersey and Evesham, England has been fostered for 20 years as guests from both countries

have visited their twin town and become part of each other's families. The festivities for the 20th Anniversary of these two towns include a cultural convergence, as the Mayor and Mayoress of Evesham, England and Evesham, New Jersey will exchange gifts. Also, a ceremony with the Cherokee High School Girls Traveling Choir and the Boy Scout Troop #100 from Marlton will promote cultural unity between the two towns.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my fellow representatives of the House join me in congratulating the Evesham Twinning Association on their 20th Anniversary and the citizens of both New Jersey and England who have spent the last 20 years cultivating this cherished relationship. I am proud to be able to represent these exceptional citizens and their British brethren.

A TRIBUTE TO JIM HUDSON,
ALHAMBRA CHIEF OF POLICE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Hudson, retiring as Chief of the Alhambra Police Department.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Chief Hudson on his very successful career in public service. His lifetime of dedication to public safety—an amazing 34 years—is remarkable. Chief Hudson not only exhibited valor and perseverance, he also fostered courage and dedication among our brave men and women in law enforcement.

Chief Hudson began his career as a Police Explorer, a Cadet, then a Reserve Officer at the Orange Police Department. He then joined the Glendale Police Department in 1981 before he transitioned back to Orange, where he quickly rose through the ranks as an Officer, Sergeant, and finally Lieutenant. In 2001, Chief Hudson made his way to the City of Alhambra where he started as Police Captain and eventually was promoted to Chief of Police in 2004.

Under his leadership, the Alhambra Police worked to build a safe community where Southern California families can live, work and play.

His great leadership and guidance of the police department and the community will be deeply missed.

I ask all Members to join me in thanking Chief Hudson for his extraordinary service. I wish you all the best in your retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
HARRY "A.J." W. FEUCHT, JR.

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Major General Harry "A.J." W. Feucht, Jr. for his outstanding service to our Nation, and the State of Ohio, on the occasion of his retirement.

It is an honor to join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratu-

lating General Feucht upon his retirement as assistant adjutant general for Air, and as a commander for the Ohio Air National Guard.

He also served as the Air National Guard assistant to the commander, Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In this role he provided support necessary to maintain and sustain Air Force weapon systems readiness.

In 1968, General Feucht joined the Ohio Air National Guard and during his service obtained a bachelor of business administration from the University of Cincinnati. He has commanded the 180th Fighter Wing and the 121st Air Refueling Wing in the Ohio Air National Guard and in 2004 was promoted to major general.

General Feucht is an accomplished command pilot with over 4,700 total flying hours with more than 4,000 in the F-100, A-7, and F-16 and over 700 in the KC-135. For his distinguished service, he was presented the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services and achievements.

For his many years of dedication to our Nation, I again join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in extending our best wishes upon his retirement and wish him ongoing success in all future endeavors.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
RAMON "RAY" LUGO III, NEWLY
APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF NASA
GLENN RESEARCH CENTER IN
CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ramon "Ray" Lugo III, the newly appointed Director of NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Serving as Acting Director of NASA Glenn since 2007, Mr. Lugo is the first Hispanic-American Director in the history of NASA.

As Director, Mr. Lugo will continue his duties as the leader of NASA Glenn. He is responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing the vital programs and missions that keep NASA Glenn and the Cleveland community on the forefront of scientific research and innovation. In his new position, Mr. Lugo will continue to oversee NASA Glenn programs that focus on spaceflight systems development, aeropropulsion, space propulsion, power systems, nuclear systems, communications and human research.

Mr. Lugo began his career at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida in 1975 while still a student. His experience there inspired him to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering in 1979 and a Master's degree in engineering management in 1982. His work has been recognized with numerous national honors, including two NASA Exceptional Achievement Medals for his outstanding contributions to the Galileo mission and International Space Station redesign. He was also awarded three NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Ramon "Ray" Lugo III, upon being named the first

Hispanic-American to the position of Director of a NASA center. Mr. Lugo's journey at NASA has been framed by integrity, expertise and energy. He brings a renewed hope and vision to NASA Glenn, to the citizens of Cleveland and to our entire Nation.

HONORING BRIANNA COMMERFORD
ON BEING NAMED HOPE ON
WHEELS' NATIONAL YOUTH AM-
BASSADOR

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Hyundai Hope on Wheels program, and to congratulate a brave young woman named Brianna Commerford on being named the Hope on Wheels' National Youth Ambassador. This program will donate \$6.8 million to 68 children's hospitals across the nation, continuing Hyundai's long-standing commitment to the treatment of pediatric cancer. The organization could not have picked a more able or appropriate ambassador than Brianna.

One of the great joys of serving in Congress is representing so many outstanding and remarkable citizens who use their life abilities and experiences to improve the lives of those they may never meet. Brianna Commerford is one of those exemplary citizens. Just twelve years old, Brianna displays a wisdom and maturity far beyond her years, and has created incredible good out of one of life's most terrifying situations.

When she was nine years old, Brianna was diagnosed with Stage IV Hodgkin's Lymphoma. With courage, tenacity, and support from those around her, Brianna overcame a year of grueling treatment and eventually defeated the cancer. Since entering remission in October 2009, Brianna has shared her story of survival in schools, hospitals, and other places across New Jersey, bringing hope and inspiration to so many. Moreover, Brianna has helped raise over \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Brianna has taken a scary and daunting prognosis and unlocked its potential for good. She has learned one of life's most difficult lessons—that greatness is found in our ability to create good within our own locus of control. I can think of no one better suited to serve as a National Ambassador for this important cause. The same energy that carried her through treatment will serve the Hope on Wheels initiative well, as Brianna and Hyundai partner to find new ways to treat and hopefully one day prevent and cure pediatric cancer.

Thanks to her courage and the skill of her doctors, Brianna is back to doing what she loves: riding horses, playing soccer, and living the life of an active twelve-year-old. She has made the commendable decision to further the cause of pediatric cancer research by sharing her story with us today. In closing, I would like to leave you with you a line from a poem Brianna wrote while she was in treatment: "I have CANCER and I really DON'T like it. The chemo is GROSS, but I'm STRONG and can fight it."

Brianna brings a powerful testimony to the importance of living courageously and pur-

suing your goals relentlessly. It is an honor to represent Brianna and her family in Congress, and pay tribute to the many successes she has achieved with her great courage and persistence.

SUPPORTING GOLD STAR
MOTHERS DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1617, which supports the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day. Gold Star Mothers Day is observed on the last Sunday of September each year. I am proud to cosponsor H. Res. 1617, and I thank my colleague, Congressman ROSKAM for introducing this resolution.

Gold Star Mothers Day reminds us all of the ultimate sacrifice made by our men and women in uniform who gave their lives for our country. We also remember the mothers of our fallen soldiers who have to deal with the pain of losing their child.

On June 4, 1928, the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. was established when twenty-five mothers who lost a child in World War I met in Washington, DC. Membership was later opened to mothers who lost children in other armed conflicts. Congress then designated the last Sunday as Gold Star Mothers Day on June 23, 1936.

These remarkable women have turned their grief into service to others. Gold Star Mothers provides a mutual bond of sympathy and support. They also assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims, and provide aid to service members and their families who have died or were wounded during active duty.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to recognize the 11 service members from Long Beach, California, which is in my district, who lost their lives during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. They are: Pfc. Sephen Castellano, Sgt. Anthony Davis, Jr., Pvt. Ernesto Guerra, Spec. Roberto Martinez Salazar, Pfc. David T. Toomalatai, Staff Sgt. Joshua Whitaker, Sgt. 1st Class Randy Collins, Sgt. Israel Garcia, Pfc. Lyndon Marcus, Jr., Spec. Astor Sunsini-Pineda, Pfc. George Torres. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and remembering these individuals for their service to our country, and to keep their families and especially their mothers in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1617 and I yield back the remainder of my time.

CONGRATULATING SRC, INC.
PRESIDENT, BOB ROBERTS, ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Robert U. Roberts, a lifelong servant to the U.S. military and defense industry,

on the occasion of his retirement from SRC, Inc., formerly Syracuse Research Corporation.

A native of Hamilton, New York, Bob Roberts joined the U.S. Air Force in 1960 and soon after receiving his commission entered flight training at Dover Air Force Base. He flew more than 200 combat missions in Southeast Asia and in 1972, he became Director of Acquisition Management to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Special Projects. After 20 years of distinguished military service in numerous assignments at various levels of command, Bob retired from active duty in 1980. Bob received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 15 Oak Leaf Clusters, Airman Medal and Meritorious Service Medal. He has always welcomed professional challenges and never declined an opportunity to serve his country. The list of Bob's active duty assignments is long and many Air Force personnel, both uniformed and civilian, count themselves fortunate for the opportunity to have served with and learned from Bob Roberts.

Bob joined SRC in 1991 as president and CEO. His knowledge and leadership in U.S. government and private sector programs has greatly advanced SRC's capabilities to support numerous customers, including the Department of Defense, the National Air Intelligence Center, the Naval Air Warfare Center and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as state and local initiatives associated with economic development, technological innovation, environmental quality and academic-to-industry partnerships.

SRC was fortunate to have Bob's leadership for nearly 20 years. Under Bob's direction, the company has seen tremendous growth, and continues its mission to keep America safe and strong by protecting its people, environment and way of life. An independent, not-for-profit research and development company with more than 50 years of experience in defense, environment and intelligence, Bob helped shape the company into what it is today—a resource that is delivering unique, next-generation solutions of national significance to our government. SRC plays a critical role in protecting America's freedom and Bob leaves SRC strong, successful and well-positioned to meet future challenges.

Bob has been supported in his professional career by numerous close friends, strong relationships and his eight children. On behalf of the 25th District of New York, I would like to thank Bob Roberts for his many years of service to our Nation. Bob Roberts answered the call to serve his country, and his service has made a difference. We wish you well, Bob, and hope you know how deeply grateful we are for your contributions. Best wishes to you upon your retirement.

HONORING THE HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS OF WATERVILLE AREA

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area on the 30th anniversary of their founding.

Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area (HVWA) was founded in 1980 by a small

group of concerned community members looking to provide non-medical support for individuals and their families during the last phases of life and grieving process. It has since gone on to become a cornerstone for end of life care in the region, serving 27 communities in central Maine. HVWA has gone on to expand their services through the establishment of Camp Ray of Hope, an award winning statewide program aimed at bringing together those who have lost loved ones to illness, accidents, suicide, and homicide, as well as Hope's Place—a youth peer counseling program.

For anyone who finds themselves in this position, the last stages of life are often filled with tumultuous emotions, pain, and fear. The services which the staff and volunteers at HVWA provide to their neighbors during a period of ultimate vulnerability are truly remarkable. At no cost to patients or their families, volunteers operate a multitude of support groups, direct care companionship and bereavement counseling.

There is no way to quantify the value of HVWA to the central Maine region. For thirty years, they have remained a steadfast beacon of compassion, understanding and comfort for those who need it most. I wish them the very best going forward, and I hope their example stands as a testament to what can be achieved through the kindness of the human spirit.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area for their three decades of devoted service to their community.

RETIREMENT OF DAVE NEWBY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man who spent a majority of his career fighting for the rights of Wisconsin workers, the current President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, David Newby. After years of service to workers in the State of Wisconsin, Dave is retiring this year. Although his leadership and dedication to the labor movement will be greatly missed, his contributions will not be forgotten.

For 16 years, Dave has led the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, a federation of over 1,000 local unions, representing 250,000 Wisconsin workers. Dave was determined to achieve economic justice in the workplace and social justice in Wisconsin communities, and throughout the years he has had tremendous success accomplishing these goals. One issue at the forefront of Dave's agenda was to ensure quality health care for Wisconsin workers. In 2003, the Wisconsin AFL-CIO created the Wisconsin Health Care Partnership Plan, an innovative proposal that strengthened the debate in Wisconsin on how to solve the health care crisis. In 2007, this plan was combined with other health care proposals to become "Healthy Wisconsin: Your Choice, Your Plan," a plan to provide health care for all.

Dave's passion for equality and helping others goes back to his involvement in the civil rights and anti-war movements during the 1960s and 1970s. After the movements, Dave taught history at the Tuskegee Institute in Ala-

bama before becoming a teaching and project assistant at the University of Wisconsin. His first labor leadership role came in 1982 when he was elected President of the Madison Labor Council. During this time Dave literally showcased how far he was willing to go to advocate for the labor movement during a strike against Greyhound. Dave stood in front of a fast-moving bus driven by a strikebreaker, forcing it to come to a screeching stop.

In 1986, Dave became the secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO where his hard work and enthusiasm to help other unions helped him win the election for AFL-CIO President in 1994. In addition to his commitment to improved health care, minimum wage increases, family and medical leave, improved health and safety on the job, and plant closing notifications, Dave also spent his years leading the AFL-CIO reshaping the labor movement. He recognized that in order to achieve success, it was essential to build relationships with local communities and involve the general public. This transformation brought increased success and visibility to Wisconsin labor.

The AFL-CIO and the Wisconsin workers it represents will surely miss the hard work, courageous advocacy, and genuine dedication of Dave Newby. Personally, I will greatly miss his leadership, advocacy and vast knowledge. I wish Dave the happiest retirement and thank him for the work he has done to support Wisconsin's working families and their communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRADING POST TRAIN SHOP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Trading Post Train Shop located on Pearl Road in Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood. I also recognize its owner, Mr. James Berilla.

The Trading Post Train Shop opened in the fall of 1950 under its first owner Ralph Brown. Mr. Brown discovered a community-wide clientele of train enthusiasts of all ages. Forty years later, he sold the shop to the current owner. Sixty years later, the Trading Post Train Shop serves clients including second and third generation patrons. The shop fills orders from throughout Ohio and across the country.

The Trading Post Train Shop carries Lionel model trains and collectibles for sale or trade. The busiest time of year for the Train Shop is always the December holiday season. Model trains with real smoke, metal tracks and whistles continue to be a treasured American holiday tradition, circling Christmas trees in millions of homes every December.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Trading Post Train Shop, its patrons, past owner Ralph Brown and current owner James Berilla. Images of trains racing through a tunnel, across the desert or atop a bridge remain deeply embedded within the spirit of our nation. They reflect the great frontier, innovation, adventurous spirit and en-

ergy that define America. The legacy of the train will always manifest the trailblazing spirit Cleveland's small business owners, whose sense of independence and innovation are vital rails along the economic track running from Cleveland, Ohio to all points across our nation.

HONORING BILL FELTON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, Bill Felton of Knoxville, Tennessee, is one of the most respected men in my District. His military career and civic service make him admired by everyone fortunate to know him.

Bill Felton is a leading expert in the transportation field. His education began at the University of Tennessee, where he majored in transportation and received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He soon found himself in the United States Army Transportation Corps, rising to top leadership positions.

Bill's long and distinguished career in the Corps began with his commission as Second Lieutenant and lasted three decades, when he retired as a Colonel. During his time in the military, Bill was stationed mostly at the U.S. Army Transportation Corps' headquarters at Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he became an expert in transportation and logistical matters for the military.

During his military career, Bill continued his training and education through many courses, including instruction at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the completion of the Defense Advanced Traffic Management Course, Transportation Movements Officer Extension Course, and Transportation Corps Career Officer Course. He also graduated from the Command and General Staff College.

Bill loves the military and does everything he can to help those in active service; but he has always had an especially soft spot for Veterans.

He is the founder of the East Tennessee Veteran's Memorial Association and is largely responsible for the Veterans Memorial at World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville.

Bill has always felt very strongly about our Nation and is very patriotic. Never one to sit by idly and complain, he has always taken an active role in politics. He served as President of the West Knoxville Republican Club and Executive Committee Member of the Knox County Republican Party.

His other civic contributions include serving as Vice President of the Knoxville Convention and Visitor's Bureau and on the Board of Directors of the Bijou Art Center. He also worked tirelessly for the Knoxville Dogwood Arts Festival, Girls' Club, Knoxville Rotary Club, and rose to top leadership at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce.

Bill is also a respected businessman who is a leader in the life insurance industry. Several articles he wrote on the industry have been published nationally, and he is the former President of the Knoxville Association of Life Underwriters.

Madam Speaker, I do not see how anyone could love this Country more than Bill Felton.

I call his service and devotion to the United States and his Community to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

INTRODUCING A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a concurrent resolution to support the goals and ideals of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, in recognition of the people who have died on our streets, in emergency shelters, condemned or abandoned properties, and from elements directly related to homelessness.

On or near the first day of winter and the longest night of the year, National Homeless Persons' Memorial events have been held nationwide every year since 1990 to remember the homeless persons whose lives and deaths might otherwise go without any public recognition.

Throughout my home state of Florida, this important day is being recognized, along with over 200 other local municipalities, organizations, and statewide organizations throughout the United States. With the support of the National Coalition for the Homeless, National Consumer Advisory Board, and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day brings attention to the tragedy of homelessness and to remember our homeless neighbors and friends who have paid the ultimate price for our nation's failure to end homelessness.

The statistics are daunting: more than half a million people in the United States do not have a place to call home each night and half of them are without shelter; nationwide each year, an estimated 2,000,000 people experience homelessness; and the mortality rate among homeless populations has been shown to be almost four times that of the general population.

As American citizens, it is not only our desire to help those in need; it is our duty to provide every homeless man, woman, and child with a place to sleep at night, an opportunity to sustain economic stability, and the right to access health care.

On June 22, 2010, President Obama and Members of Congress were presented with "Opening Doors: the federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness" which describes how the federal government will partner with states, local communities, non-profit organizations and the private sector. This resolution provides us with the opportunity to commend the efforts of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States who support the goals and ideals of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, to encourage those not already doing so, and to salute the dedicated professionals and organizations who provide assistance 365 days a year to people in need.

It is time we acknowledge, as a nation, all of the people in our country living on the

streets who have paid the ultimate price for our failure to end homelessness. In remembering those who died on the streets, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent as is the Nation's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future.

I urge my colleagues to support this House Concurrent Resolution and reaffirm Congress' commitment to ending homelessness by promoting a comprehensive national response that addresses the housing, health care, income, and civil rights causal factors and consequences of extreme poverty. Let us make this year's first night of winter and longest night of the year, December 21, 2010, a true national day.

RECOGNIZING MILITARY MEDICAL AND AIR CREWS

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 1605, which recognizes the service of medical and air crews in helping our wounded warriors make the expeditious and safe trip home to the United States and commends the personnel of the Air Force for their commitment to the well-being of all our service men and women.

The Air Force's Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons help guarantee that our wounded soldiers are quickly reunited with their families and given the best medical care in U.S. hospitals. Since September 11, 2001, Aeromedical Evacuation flights have been responsible for transporting over 81,000 patients from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, yielding a 98 percent survival rate for injured soldiers. Today, a soldier injured on the battlefield in Afghanistan or Iraq will be back in an American hospital in an average of three days. This is over seven days faster than during Operation Desert Storm and over 40 days quicker than during the conflict in Vietnam.

As a veteran who was wounded in Vietnam, I was flown into Travis Air Force Base in Northern California. Travis Air Force Base is now home to the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. These physicians, nurses and medical technicians go above and beyond the call of duty every day.

I am honored to bring this resolution to the floor and remain committed to supporting our Armed Forces.

HONORING BOB WHITLEY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bob Whitley.

As President of the United States Tour Operators Association, Bob Whitley dedicated his life to promoting travel, tourism and building lasting friendships. I am proud and honored to have worked with such a caring and dedicated

professional on issues so important for our nation.

In my efforts to advance current legislation providing United States citizens the freedom to travel to Cuba, I seized an opportunity to visit New York City and create national media discussion of the issue. Accompanying me on that trip in September 2009 was Bob Whitley, truly one of the most knowledgeable and respected travel industry leaders.

As our trip progressed, I came to know Bob for the man he was and the legacy he would leave behind. His passion for United States generated tourism and his love for people around the world drew us together. This past March, Bob helped organize and lead the U.S. Cuba Travel Summit in Cancun, Mexico—an event that drew strong participation from both nations in an effort to open communications and discuss easing travel restrictions.

Bob passed away in May, and his funeral included an unrivaled gathering of travel industry colleagues and friends. Today, I add my name as one of his greatest admirers.

Bob held many distinguished positions throughout his career, including Director of both the Florida and Pennsylvania Departments of Tourism, Director of the Virginia Beach Convention and Tourist Bureau, and an incredible thirty-two years at the United States Tour Operators Association. Because of his outstanding record, Bob has been recognized internationally many times. This year, he will receive the 2010 National Tour Association Pioneer Award, an honor given to career leaders in tourism. I am proud to be a past recipient of this same award and it is my honor to share it with Bob.

In addition to his career accomplishments, Bob was an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling to new destinations around the globe, eventually visiting over 100 countries. He leaves his wife, two sons, a daughter, their spouses, and his grandchildren to carry on.

The travel industry has lost a giant, with Bob's passing. We will miss him.

HONORING JOSEPH BARBAGLIA

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Joseph Barbaglia, a successful businessman, person of faith and selfless community volunteer.

Joe and his business partner Guy Bopp are owners of Southwest Hill Auto Parts Inc. They are celebrating their 25th year in business at the same location in the famous "Hill" neighborhood in the City of St. Louis. Joe's business is one of the most successful and reputable auto parts firms in the St. Louis region, and Joe is a member of business organizations that are dedicated to providing quality service and products to the general public; groups such as the Better Business Bureau, the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers, the Hill Business Association and the Professional Business Men. Additionally, he is also on the Board of Directors of Eagle Bank.

Joe Barbaglia is a faithful leader in his church serving on various committees for the good of St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Joe has been instrumental in the success of such

church as La Festa at St. Ambrose Church, St. Ambrose Golf Tournament, and the Alumni Breakfast at St. Ambrose.

Joe will help out anyone in need. Joe and Southwest Auto Parts are the main sponsors for Car Show/Soap Box Derby held at Shaw School every year in June and the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association fishing tournament.

As a community leader Joe has held provided critical support for numerous community events such as the Fireworks Display at Sublette Park, Bike Race on the Hill, and Party in the Park at Berra Park, the Southwest High School Alumni, and Second District Police Association.

Joe has been named the Hill Neighborhood's "Citizen of Year" and is the president of the Hill 2000 Neighborhood Association, demonstrating the community's confidence in Joe Barbaglia's ability as a leader who gets things done.

He is married to his wife Thersea and has a loving daughter Nina. Joe Barbaglia is a shining example of what it means to be an exemplary citizen for one's community, state and nation.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MR. J. THOMAS MULLEN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. J. Thomas Mullen, a devoted husband, father, and friend. His faith and his dedication to serving all of humanity, especially the poor and marginalized, were unshakable.

Mr. Mullen moved to Ohio in 1983 to work in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. Two years later, Governor Dick Celeste appointed him Director of the Ohio Department of Youth Services. He joined Catholic Charities in 1987 and combined Gospel values with business savvy to transform the organization's Cleveland branch. At the time of his death, he was president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities Health and Human Services. He was also serving his third term as Chair of the Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice.

Mr. Mullen played a key role in helping the Cleveland's Catholic Charities branch develop into a \$100 million operation that serves hundreds of thousands of people. Coworker Tom Allio praised Mr. Mullen as "brilliant in his capacity to leverage foundation and government support to help the poor, the homeless, and the marginalized."

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. J. Thomas Mullen. I offer my condolences to his wife, Julie; to his daughter, Maggie; to his sons, John, Patrick, Matt, and Jim; to his thirteen grandchildren; and to his many friends. Mr. Mullen lived his life with love, generosity, and commitment to social justice. He will always be remembered for his good work and his generous spirit.

RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT CHIEF
STEPHANIE REDDING AND HER
HISTORIC CAREER OF PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege for me to rise today to celebrate the distinguished career of Assistant Police Chief Stephanie Redding. After twenty-five years on the force, Stephanie announced her plans to retire from the New Haven Police Department and I am honored to have this opportunity to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to thank her for her exemplary service to the Department and our community.

The daughter of a former West Haven fire chief, Stephanie has always understood the importance of public service. She chose a career in law enforcement and entered the New Haven Police Academy in 1986—still in a time when women were not commonplace among the ranks. Stephanie started at the New Haven Police Department as a Patrol Officer and throughout her career served as a Mounted Patrol, Sergeant, and Lieutenant before becoming the first female Assistant Chief in New Haven's history.

Whether as District Manager of the East Shore/Morris Cove District, the Officer in Charge of the Family Services Division, or Assistant Chief, Stephanie has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and community leaders alike. Stephanie's tenure has been marked by her integrity, professionalism, and compassion. She has twice served as acting Chief of Police during transitional phases at the Department, and was appointed to the State Victim Advocate Advisory Committee. She has also shared her expertise with her colleagues around the world, serving as an instructor at the Academy and presenting on community policing and other family and children's issues at both national and international conferences.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Stephanie on a project we both care deeply about. She has spearheaded the collaborative effort between the NHPD and the Yale Child Study Center's National Center for Children Exposed to Violence and their extraordinary joint multi-disciplinary intervention programs—including the Child Development-Community Policing Program. This groundbreaking work has changed the way police officers and clinicians respond to children in trauma. It has galvanized support services around at-risk youth, and it has saved and healed lives.

Stephanie's contributions to our community and commitment to community service extend far beyond her professional career. She volunteers with the New Haven Boys and Girls Club, the Yale Child Study Center, and the United Way of Greater New Haven, and she has served as the cheerleading coach at the Sacred Heart Academy. In all that she does, Stephanie touches the lives of others and this is particularly true of our young people.

As a peace officer and a public citizen, Stephanie has been a credit to our New Haven community and to the State of Connecticut. A trailblazer in our City's history, she

has fought hard to protect the public and worked to improve the lives of countless New Haven families for the better. I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Stephanie and find myself in awe of the many ways in which she has enriched the lives of others and enhanced the quality of life in our community.

I am so pleased to join her husband, New Haven Police Captain Pat Redding, their son Patrick, her parents William "Wiggy" and Dolly Johnson, as well as all of the family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered today to congratulate Assistant Chief Stephanie Redding as she celebrates her retirement. I cannot thank her enough for her decades of service and innumerable contributions to our community. Stephanie has set a standard to which we should all strive and I have no doubt that no matter what her future endeavors may be, she will continue to find ways in which she can make a difference in the lives of others. My very best wishes to her and her family for many more years of health and happiness.

CONGRATULATING PETER BOHLIN
ON RECEIVING THE 2010 GOLD
MEDAL FROM THE AMERICAN IN-
STITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Peter Bohlin on receiving the 2010 American Institute of Architects Gold Medal.

The Gold Medal is considered the highest individual honor an architect can receive from the American Institute of Architects. It recognizes "a significant body of work of lasting influence on the theory and practice of architecture." Mr. Bohlin is the 66th recipient of this prestigious award.

Mr. Bohlin graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1959 before receiving his Masters in Architecture from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1961.

During his sophomore year of college, Mr. Bohlin's parents moved from New York to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

After graduation from Cranbrook, Mr. Bohlin founded Bohlin and Powell in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania with his former Rensselaer classmate Dick Powell. Their first job was to design a home for Mr. Bohlin's parents in Bear Creek, Pennsylvania.

Only a few years later, they designed a second home for Mr. Bohlin's parents in Connecticut, known as the famous "Forest House," which landed their small firm on the front page of the New York Times' Home section in 1976.

After the success of the "Forest House," Bohlin and Powell continued to expand. Shortly thereafter they opened two more offices in Pennsylvania.

In 1989 Bohlin and Powell opened an office in Seattle, Washington after winning a contest to design Bill Gates' home.

In 1991 Mr. Powell retired and Bohlin and Powell became the firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson.

In 1999, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson opened its first office in California to design Pixar Animation Studios. It was at this time the firm established its relationship with Apple founder and CEO Steve Jobs. Over the years Apple has hired Bohlin Cywinski and Jackson to design multiple Apple stores across the country, including its famous location on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

Today, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson maintains offices in Wilkes-Barre, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Seattle, and San Francisco. The firm currently has almost 200 employees.

Over the years, Mr. Bohlin and his firms have been recognized for their work on hundreds of occasions by the Pennsylvania Society of Architects, AIA, Business Week, the National Parks Service, and the Society of American Registered Architects, among others.

Among his award-winning portfolio of projects, he has designed Seattle's City Hall, buildings throughout the campuses of Yale University and Syracuse University, and the Pocono Environmental Education Center in Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Bohlin on this remarkable achievement. From his humble beginnings in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Bohlin has established himself as one of our country's premier architects.

HONORING KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kennebec Behavioral Health on its 50th year of providing health care to central Maine residents.

Kennebec Behavioral Health (KBH) is dedicated to providing high quality, innovative, community-based services and to improving the lives of central Maine residents who experience mental illness, emotional difficulties or behavioral challenges. Founded in 1960 by Dr. Charles Rothstein as the Community Mental Health Center of Central Maine, KBH has grown by leaps and bounds. Today, Kennebec Behavioral Health employs over 340 Mainers in the service of helping their neighbors in need. With medical clinics in Augusta, Skowhegan, Waterville and Winthrop, KBH serves more than 12,000 children and adults every year.

Mainers far and wide have come to rely on the dedication and devotion of KBH and its employees. The programs and services offered demonstrate a keen understanding of mental and behavioral trauma across age and economic demographics. With many Mainers generally unable to afford the level of care provided by Kennebec Behavioral Health, the organization makes over \$2.5 million dollars available in financial assistance each year. Governor Baldacci recently proclaimed June 16 as "Kennebec Behavioral Health Day" in recognition of the effectiveness of KBH's mental health services.

I am pleased to share in the recognition of Kennebec Behavioral Health as they reach this important milestone.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating Kennebec Behavioral Health on reach-

ing a half century of service to the residents of central Maine.

FOOTBALL RETURNS TO LAMAR UNIVERSITY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is September and back home in Texas that can only mean one thing—football season is in full swing. Each week helmets are buckled and cleats are tied as hundreds of teams line up to compete across the state, from the Pop Warner leagues up to the professionals. I was honored to be a part of history as the Lamar University Cardinals played and won its first home game in over twenty years against the Weber International University Warriors.

Lamar University began playing football in 1923, when it was known as South Park Junior College. The team was a Southland Conference power in the late 1960s, notching four championships in seven years. In 1989, the program was discontinued, forcing alumni and football fans in the area to choose a new favorite college team. Now, after several years of hard work, the Cardinals are back on the gridiron with all of Southeast Texas supporting them.

The first steps towards bringing football back to Lamar were taken in January 2008, as the student body voted for a tuition increase to help fund the program. That tells you all you need to know about the hunger for football in Southeast Texas. Lamar University President Dr. James Simmons and Athletic Director Billy Tubbs searched long and hard for the coach who could oversee the rebirth of the football program from the ground up. The right man for the job was 20-year coaching veteran and former NFL player Ray Woodard. He assembled a staff of experienced coaches and developed an offensive and defensive scheme without a single player recruited.

When it came time to recruit players, Coach Woodard made good on his promise to attract local talent. Nine of his starters come from the area and he has eleven additional local backups. Leading the offense is Quarterback Andre Bevil, who played high school football a short drive down the road at West Orange-Stark. The defense is headed by former West Brook High School standout Jacody Coleman. Lamar is a young team with no senior starters, leaving the Cardinals with a bright future.

The Cardinals opened their returning season in Lake Charles, Louisiana, with a nail-biting 30-27 loss to longtime rival and nationally ranked McNeese State University. There was little time to lament, as the following week was sure to be one of the biggest events in Southeast Texas sports history—the return of football to Lamar University.

As I made my way through the Lamar campus on September 11, the sights I saw amazed me. Fans wearing red and white were lined up as far as the eye can see, enjoying the spirit of community that only college football can bring. I met some alumni who had been there battling the intense Texas heat since noon, others who flew in from across the Nation to witness the first home game in 21 years.

By kickoff time, the standing room only crowd of 16,600 was as loud and excited as I have ever seen. Less than two minutes into the game, Quarterback Bevil hit wide receiver J.J. Hayes for a 25-yard touchdown pass that had the newly remodeled Provost Humphrey stadium rocking. The Warriors evened the score at 7-7 in the first quarter. Then, both defenses stood strong, not allowing a score until Bevil threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to receiver Kendrick Prejean towards the end of the third quarter. In the end, the Cardinals prevailed 21-14, lead by Bevil and another local talent, former Lumberton running back Cody Hussey on the offense. Linebacker Asim Hick led the defense with 8 tackles and a sack.

Madam Speaker, after years of rumors and false starts, football has returned to Lamar University in grand fashion. The team is loaded with local, talented players. They have beautiful new facilities that help bring in the "big game" college experience. I am proud to celebrate the hard work that numerous people put in to bring college football back to Lamar University. I wish them the best of luck in the future. Finally, GO BIG RED!!

And that's the way it is.

CONDEMNING REMOVAL OF MOJAVE CROSS MEMORIAL

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, as has been mentioned the monument that is being debated has stood in the Mojave Desert for 75 years to honor our veterans. It stood there, that is, until the night of May 9th when vandals stole it. This memorial was a 7-foot cross that has endured much turmoil including a recent legal attempt to have the cross removed, which was turned away by the Supreme Court.

Those responsible for the disappearance of the cross have shown disrespect for both veterans and this Nation's legal process.

I would also like to commend the VFW for their determination in the face of this disrespectful act. They have vowed that the memorial will be rebuilt and are offering a \$125,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

President George Washington once said, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were appreciated by their nation."

I think President Washington would agree that this appreciation includes allowing our veterans' memorials to stand in honor of them.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF NASA'S OBSERVANCE OF 2010 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of NASA Glenn Research Center's annual observance of Hispanic Heritage

Month, which was organized by the Hispanic Advisory Group at NASA Glenn. As employees at NASA celebrate the heritage, culture and numerous contributions of Hispanic Americans in Greater Cleveland and throughout our country, we reflect on this year's theme: "Heritage, Diversity, Integrity and Honor; The Renewed Hope of America."

Americans of Hispanic descent have served our country in numerous ways. Their rich and diverse culture has touched the life of every American and has been an invaluable component of Cleveland's diverse social fabric.

I also rise in honor of this year's keynote speaker, NASA astronaut Jose M. Hernandez, who was part of the crew aboard the space shuttle flight, *Discovery*, from liftoff on August 28, through touchdown on September 11, 2009. His leadership and expertise in the fields of chemical, computer and electrical engineering have promoted great strides in several areas of scientific study.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, of the NASA Glenn Research Center and of Astronaut, Jose Hernandez. The innumerable contributions made by Hispanic Americans have added immeasurably to NASA Glenn's unparalleled global record of success.

HONORING LAKE PARSIPPANY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company, District #3 located in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

In 1935, a group of concerned citizens, recognizing the need for fire protection in the Lake Parsippany area, began taking steps toward the formation of the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company. The Fire Company was formally organized in early September with incorporation formalities approved on November 2, 1935.

Determined to start the company off successfully, members loaned money to purchase some fire equipment and a committee was formed to investigate the possibility of purchasing a used fire truck. By December 1935, just one month after organizing, the company had acquired its first fire truck from the Livingston Fire Company. The Morris Plains Fire Association provided fire rings with which to summon members to a fire.

In the early days, meetings were held in the residences of Mr. Peter Yeager and Mr. Edward Flanagan. The Lake Parsippany Property Owners Association Club House eventually became the gathering place.

After establishing a place to meet, the next step members took was to obtain a suitable location to house the fire truck. Land was purchased from the New York Daily Mirror and construction was started on the firehouse in August 1936. Through the efforts of its members organizing dances and raffles and the help from generous contributors, the Fire Company had become a fully functioning fire company just one year after organizing.

Shortly after their first anniversary in December 1936, the Fire Company welcomed the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company. The Auxiliary performed remarkable work for the firefighters and are credited with the company's steadfast progress. The Ladies Auxiliary spent many nights supplying hot coffee in the freezing weather while the members were engaged with firefighting duties.

The passing years have seen continued improvements for the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company. In the year 2002, the company moved across the street to their new home. However, the old firehouse still continues to serve the community as a substation for the Parsippany Rescue and Recovery Unit. In 2007 the Company added a 75 ft. Pierce Ladder Truck.

The Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company continues to welcome new members into an organization dedicated to protecting their community and living out their motto: "Neighbor protecting and helping neighbor."

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company, District #3 as they celebrate 75 years of community service.

RECOGNIZING REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA'S AMBASSADOR CAROLINA BARCO

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks on my own behalf and on behalf of my fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Colombia Caucus which includes Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART, Representative HENRY CUELLAR, and Representative AARON SCHOCK. As co-chairs of the Caucus, we recognize today the tremendous work and legacy of the Republic of Colombia's outgoing Ambassador to the United States, Carolina Barco. Since 2006 Ambassador Barco has been an exemplary representative of the government and people of Colombia. She has worked tirelessly to deepen the ties between the United States and the nation of Colombia, a key South American ally.

Ambassador Carolina Barco has been an effective advocate on behalf of her country ensuring that we are well aware of the many ways that the United States can support a promising vision for the future and the continued progress of our ally, to the benefit of our entire hemisphere. There has been much progress for us to support. While she has been Ambassador to the United States, we have seen evidence of the commitment of Colombia to continue efforts to reestablish and maintain government control over its territory, fight drug trafficking and terrorist activities, reduce poverty, and become a more inclusive society. Despite Colombia's decades long conflict with guerrilla forces and paramilitary groups, public security has been restored in many areas previously under siege, and a stable environment for investment has been created.

As Ambassador Barco passes the baton to her successor, we know that her country is on

strong footing and her work here in the United States has created long lasting relationships that will continue to be fruitful; though she is leaving her legacy lives on. We wish her well on her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOWARD O'NEIL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Chief O'Neil, a resident of New Jersey and dedicated member of the Neptune Township police. Chief O'Neil has recently completed 40 years and 4 months of distinguished service in the township of Neptune and will be retiring this winter. I applaud Chief O'Neil's achievements and dedication and recognize his work which serves as an inspiration to us all.

A native resident of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, Chief O'Neil's career of public service began in 1964 when he served in the New Jersey National Guard until 1970. He was then assigned to the patrol division of Neptune Township Police until 1979. During his career on the force, O'Neil earned several promotions, including Sergeant in 1981, Lieutenant in 1985, Captain in 1987, Deputy Chief of Police in 1996 and most recently, Chief of Police in 2003. Furthermore, he remained an outstanding member, former president and vice president to the Policeman Benevolent Association as well as the Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge.

Chief O'Neil's civic achievements have also helped to form numerous organizations devoted to further advancing the safety and well-being of the Monmouth County community. In 1994, he chaired a committee that established a fund that gives monetary donations to families of officers who were killed in the line of duty. In addition, he helped establish an education fund as well as a fund for healthcare for special case residents of the area. Moreover, O'Neil has served or continues to serve on multiple organizations, including the New Jersey Governor's Awards committee and Attorney General's Awards committee.

Chief O'Neil's enthusiasm for service extends well beyond his call of duty as a police officer as evident in his active community leadership. A true member and devotee to his community, he has dedicated his time to coaching numerous youth sports teams including little league, recreational basketball and soccer, and travelling boys and girls soccer. The youth and families of Neptune Township are fortunate to have benefited from Chief O'Neil's energetic service and civic participation.

Chief O'Neil has tirelessly devoted his time to his community and epitomizes what it means to give back. Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledgment of the extraordinary contributions of Chief Howard O'Neil. He is a greatly valued citizen of the State of New Jersey, and I am honored to recognize him today.

COMMEMORATING THE VISIT TO
CUBA OF THE FREEDOM SCHOONER
AMISTAD IN RECOGNITION
OF UN DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
FOR SLAVERY VICTIMS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I wish to inform my colleagues that the Freedom Schooner Amistad, a national human rights icon moored in New Haven, CT, is making history this week. As part of the United Nations commemoration of March 25 as the global Day of Remembrance for the victims of the Atlantic slave trade, the Amistad arrived Monday in Matanzas, Cuba and today will sail for Havana.

The Amistad entered Cuban waters on March 22, 2010 for a 10-day, two city Cuba tour that will culminate its recent Caribbean Heritage Voyage. The ship first visited Matanzas, site of a new UNESCO-affiliated slavery museum. Today, the Amistad will sail into Havana Harbor to commemorate the historic "triangle of trade" connections between America, Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. Tomorrow, the vessel will host a three-hour simulcast about the shared slave trade heritage, connecting Cuban students to classrooms across the Atlantic Ocean and at the UN in New York. In addition to public tours of the boat and academic panels on its history, the Cuba visits will focus on the impact of the slave trade on our transatlantic cultural heritage—including religious ritual, film, music, dance, poetry and visits to former plantations.

The sale of the Amistad captives in Havana was a small transaction in the thriving international slave trade. But the resulting events arguably turned the tide against slavery itself—and the historical connections across the modern African Diaspora are direct and profound.

This visit is especially poignant because Amistad's own story began in Cuba. The original ship was built in Cuba. In 1839, the Amistad sailed from Havana, the center of the illegal slave trade. This will be the replica's first visit to Cuba—and it coincides with the tenth anniversary of its launch at Mystic Seaport Museum on March 25, 2000.

The Amistad is a 140-foot replica of the two-masted black schooner that was at the center of the 1841 slave rebellion case argued successfully by John Quincy Adams, leading to the first U.S. Supreme Court case freeing African captives. The replica Amistad has visited 70 domestic and international ports as a symbol of this human rights milestone.

In 2008, the Amistad undertook a 14,000-mile transatlantic sail to Africa. On March 25 of that year, the Amistad was linked via satellite directly to the UN as the General Assembly voted to commemorate that date as the bicentennial of the pioneering British act that first outlawed the slave trade. Students from six countries sailed legs of the Africa voyage. Soon thereafter, the Amistad was designated as floating ambassador for the UN Permanent Memorial to Honour the Victims of Slavery and the Atlantic Slave Trade. The boat's most recent port of call was Santo Domingo, for a week of programs for youths from the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

During the two months after the current Caribbean tour, the vessel will visit five cities historically linked to the 19th century slave trade: Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, Washington DC and Baltimore. The next heritage tour will include visits this summer to Boston, Halifax and seven Great Lakes ports, culminating in Chicago. In December, the Amistad sails back to Africa, including for celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the independence of Senegal. But for now, all eyes are on Cuba.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE LAWRENCEVILLE SCHOOL

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bicentennial of one of America's premier private secondary schools, The Lawrenceville School of Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Founded in 1810 as the Maidenhead Academy and run under such names as the Lawrenceville Classical and Commercial High School for more than 70 years, the school was "refounded" in 1883 to become The Lawrenceville School as we know it today. And for 200 years this remarkable institution has provided its students with an education that challenges the mind and has instilled in them a strong commitment to community service.

The Lawrenceville School facilities are designated a National Historic Landmark. Designed by the esteemed American landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted who designed New York's Central Park and Cadwaladar Park in Trenton, the campus contains several houses where students live, based on their gender and year of graduation. Most of the faculty lives on the campus as well, some in the houses with the students, and others in residences with their families. This provides a community rich in teaching and learning. Classes are held around oval wooden tables rather than in the traditional rows of desks. Students are held to the highest academic standards, and each day students practice their team sports, study or work at fulfilling their social service requirements.

Many of the leading figures in almost every field come from the Lawrenceville School. Lawrenceville has a proud history of public service. Graduates include three New Jersey Governors, Charles Olden, Joel Parker and Rodman Price, who also served as a Member of Congress; Lowell P. Weicker, who served as both Senator and Governor of Connecticut; Charles Fried, who was appointed by President Reagan as Solicitor General of the United States; J. Harvie Wilkinson, III, who sits on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; Ricardo Maduro, who was President of Honduras from 2002 to 2006; Brigadier General Horace Porter, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the Union Army; and World War I Aviator, Jarvis Offutt for whom Offutt Air Force Base is named.

Under the inspired leadership of Elizabeth A. Duffy, the first woman to be selected as Head Master, The Lawrenceville School has been faithful to its traditions as it prepares its young men and young women for leadership and service in a changing world. I ask all my

colleagues to join me in congratulating this American treasure, The Lawrenceville School, which on October 8, 2010 will be celebrating its 200th birthday.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
DR. ROBERT MULLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Dr. Robert Muller, a lifelong champion for peace who served humanity tirelessly throughout his life.

Born in Belgium in 1923, Dr. Muller was raised in the Alsace-Lorraine region of France where he experienced unrelenting political and cultural turmoil. During World War II he was a member of the French Resistance and was imprisoned by the Germans during the Nazi occupation. In 1948, he won an essay contest with his entry about how to govern the world. The prize was an internship at the newly created United Nations.

The internship set him on a life path that led to 38 years of work behind the scenes at the United Nations where he rose to the official position of Assistant-Secretary General, serving three Secretaries General.

In 1986, Rodrigo Carazo, the President of Costa Rica, proposed that Dr. Muller become the chancellor of the U.N. University of Peace in Costa Rica of which he was the co-founder.

His deeply spiritual understanding of our planet and the life that graces it led him to create a "World Core Curriculum" which is taught at 34 Robert Muller Schools around the world. The Curriculum earned him the UNESCO Peace Education Prize in 1989 and the honorary title of "father of global education." He also received the Albert Schweitzer International Prize for the Humanities and the Eleanor Roosevelt Man of Vision Award.

He was a prolific writer, having published fourteen books in various languages, including "2000 Ideas and Dreams for a Better World", in which he proposed concrete, visionary ideas designed to create a peaceful and harmonious planet.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Dr. Robert Muller, who will be deeply missed. I offer my heartfelt condolences to his entire family and to his many friends. Dr. Muller's life is one to celebrate, as he lived it with a generous heart, a true joy for living and unwavering love for his family, friends, colleagues and our beautiful planet.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF DAVID DRUKER, M.D.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary physician and a distinguished constituent of California's 14th Congressional District, Dr. David Druker. After 35 years as a healer and leader in the medical community, Dr. Druker passed away

on July 23, 2010, following a three-year struggle with lung cancer.

Dr. Druker was trained as a clinical dermatologist, but his interest in people was anything but skin-deep. First as a practitioner and professor, then later as an executive, he always sought to engage those around him, to collaborate with and learn from his colleagues and friends. In this way, he nurtured ties between the medical profession and the broader Peninsula community, becoming a pillar of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation and the catalyst for an expanding and increasingly effective community health network.

With all of Dr. Druker's gifts as a doctor and director, it's hard to imagine him in any other profession. But he did not initially intend to enter medicine. Raised in Marshalltown, Iowa, Dr. Druker received his Bachelors Degree in Economics from Harvard University and was accepted by the University of Michigan Law School before changing his mind and entering the University of Iowa Medical School, under the condition that he make up his pre-med requirements first. Dr. Druker's precipitous career change brought him an avalanche of science coursework and ultimately brought Palo Alto residents an exceptional doctor. With his penchant for quiet understatement, Dr. Druker recalled his first year of medical school as "a fun year."

He married his wife Karen in 1966 and served two years in the U.S. Army before finishing his residency at the University of Oregon in 1975. After a year of private practice in Portland, Dr. Druker moved to Palo Alto to join what was then the Palo Alto Medical Clinic. While seeing 30 dermatology patients a day and teaching at the Stanford University School of Medicine, Dr. Druker rose to hold a number of leadership positions in the clinic and in regional and national organizations. He became Executive Director and then Chief Operating Officer of what had become, under his leadership, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF), before being named President and Chief Executive Officer of PAMF in 1999.

Guided by Dr. Druker's vision of high-quality outpatient care and his "multi-specialty group practice" healthcare model, PAMF vastly expanded its range and its roster. The Foundation grew from 120 to nearly 1,000 physicians and now serves locations throughout the Bay Area, including Sunnyvale, Fremont, Los Altos, San Carlos, and Burlingame. Dr. Druker played a leading role in cementing the alliance between PAMF and Sutter Health in 1993, further integrating and enhancing community health services. The Palo Alto Medical Foundation remembered Dr. Druker as man who had "a particular passion for children and education, and fostered long standing partnerships with schools." Along with his commitment to the health of youth, Dr. Druker promoted the idea of a "Center for Innovation" at PAMF to generate new and better approaches to clinical care.

Dr. Druker made countless contributions to the wider medical community as well. He chaired the American Medical Group Association and the California Medical Group Association, and served on the Board of the Unified Medical Group Association. He was a Trustee of the California Medical Association, a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, and belonged to the Santa Clara County Med-

ical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association, among other affiliations. In addition to these responsibilities, Dr. Druker found time to author papers and textbooks on dermatology and medical administration, all the while devoting himself to his wife, his children, and his grandchildren.

Dr. Druker's impressive accomplishments have immeasurably enriched our community, but perhaps his most lasting legacy lies in the devoted care of his patients. One patient remembered him as "a great guy and a fantastic doctor," a physician whose gentleness left the patient "with this lasting fondness after all these years." Another simply and powerfully noted that back in the early 1980's, "he saved my boyfriend's life."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Dr. Druker's wife, Karen; his children, Daniel and Ellie; his five grandchildren; and his two sisters, Hannah and Leah. Dr. Druker's intellect and passion led him to become the human foundation of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation and the Peninsula's physician and friend. Whether diagnosing a patient or directing new and exciting health advances, Dr. David Druker's warm heart and healing hands will be missed by all who were touched by his dedication and humanity.

HONORING GEORGE WILFORD ARNOLD

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George Wilford Arnold for his lifelong contributions within his community. I wish to recognize his accomplishments by recalling some of his many achievements as an outstanding public servant.

Mr. Arnold began his public service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, and this service to his country and community continued throughout his life. Following his military service Mr. Arnold served on multiple boards as well as civic organizations that worked to improve the quality of life in the surrounding region. After many years of service he became a self-taught visionary seeking to improve the supply and the quality of water for his city, county, and region. This dedication to improving the people's quality of life led him to serve as chairman of the Logan/Todd Regional Water Commission from 1997 to 2003 and the executive director from 2003 to 2005. Mr. Arnold also served as the Mayor of Adairville for almost 20 years. During this time he was both trusted and respected for his commitment to the people.

In his community and surrounding area, Mayor George Wilford Arnold was seen as an example of hard work and ingenuity. One of his greatest strengths was that he possessed an unwavering belief in the people he represented. His work and leadership are largely responsible for the advancements of drinkable water within the First Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, Mayor George Wilford Arnold was an integral part of Kentucky's growth

and advancement and it is an honor for me to bring to the attention of this House the achievements of this extraordinary gentleman. Although the death of Mayor Arnold is a great loss to our District, his work will live on in the many accomplishments we recognize here today.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HAWAIIAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE HOSA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

HON. CHARLES K. DJOU

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. DJOU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students of Hawai'i HOSA who traveled to Orlando to compete in 25 health-related medical events with 7,000 delegates from 46 states. The excellence displayed by the team throughout this competition is indicative of the bright futures they can have in the health care community.

Hawai'i sent a delegation of 84 students from 12 high schools and four colleges from Maui and Oahu to compete in the 2010 HOSA National Leadership Conference. Hawai'i is incredibly proud of the 13 students awarded Top 3 Medallions and the 18 students who earned the Top 10 Finalist award. I would like to recognize the following students from Hawai'i for their tremendous accomplishments at the HOSA National Leadership Conference: Rance China, Josie Gomez, Brianna Daranciag, Ashley Layco, Carianne Matsuo, Ana Liza Capulong, Sandra Jamilla, Joybell Pablo, Vanessa Joy Sagaoinit, Tony Valdez Jr, Britteny Acoba, Joleen-Taylor Baxa, Marikris Racho, Nicole Kawahara, Allen Orense, Kevin Quitoriano, Kimiyo Lindley, Gladys Meir Baloran, Cheryl Batara, Diana Simon, Woody Hoshibata, Brandy-Shaye Austerlitz, Mericris Neyra, Catherine Sabio, Ty Nakama, Zachery Grace, Nicole Colello, Samantha DeLeon, Liane Hisamoto, Aprilei Ramirez, Alnora Murai, Ruel Reyes, Lisa Kaaihue, Charmaine Alontaga, Shaneen Northington, Lian Balmores, Jenna Maligro, Judy Sadoyama, Harriet Gumban, Brittnay Acoba, Jade Simpliciano, Angel Badua, Johnelyn Cadang, Jensine Domingo, Benedict Juliano, Suzanne Lieu, Shaynna Palasigue, Kristine Saguid, and Theodore Ueki.

The Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) promotes knowledge, technology education, and skill and leadership development for all health sciences to prepare and equip our students to meet the needs of the future healthcare community. Programs like HOSA promote academic excellence, encourage our students to specialize in subjects that interest them, and allow our students to interact with peers from around the country who share those interests. Education is crucial to our success as a nation and we must continue to ensure that quality education remains a priority.

On behalf of the schools, parents, and teachers of the First Congressional District of Hawai'i, I would like to extend my congratulations to the students of Hawai'i HOSA. Aloha.

HONORING DAVID ROMERO

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent David Romero from San Luis Obispo, CA.

Mr. Romero is retiring as mayor of San Luis Obispo, after holding this office since 2002. Prior to serving as mayor, Mr. Romero served on the City Council, worked as the Public Works Director and further dedicated himself to our community by lecturing at Cal Poly, and serving in the Chamber of Commerce, SLO Council of Governments and SLO Regional Transit Authority.

Mr. Romero is a true public servant, and his contribution to San Luis Obispo and the greater community will not be forgotten any time soon. He is a sterling example of the work that a city can accomplish when its citizens roll up their sleeves, work together and dedicate themselves to making their community a better place.

It has been an honor to work with him to ensure the residents of San Luis Obispo are well-represented locally and in Washington, DC. In our conversations over the years, I am consistently struck by the dedication and responsibility he feels towards his friends and neighbors of this beautiful city.

On behalf of the entire San Luis Obispo community, I am proud to honor Mr. Romero and his wonderful family today. I wish him much rest and relaxation in his retirement!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that the Missouri State Highway Patrol recently received the 2010 Outstanding Law Enforcement Agency Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. I am proud to pay tribute to the men and women of the Highway Patrol and the exceptional service and protection they provide the citizens of Missouri.

For years, Missouri's Highway Patrol has been a national leader among law enforcement agencies in the fight to prevent drunk driving and care for the victims of this senseless crime. Sobriety check points and effective patrols have resulted in almost 285,000 DWI arrests since 1980, and investigations by the Highway Patrol have led to more than 17,600 criminal charges against drunk drivers in the same time period.

While these statistics are truly impressive and important to note, the Highway Patrol's greatest success cannot be measured. Countless lives are saved everyday because of the Highway Patrol's hard work and commitment to protecting Missouri families from the dangers of drunk driving. And, for those who are sadly affected by drunk driving, the Highway Patrol stands ready to help with a victim advocacy program that has long been considered among the finest in the nation. To date, the

program has served victims in every county in Missouri. All these initiatives are complimented by the Highway Patrol's efforts to educate young people about the dangers drunk driving poses to all Missouri drivers.

Madam Speaker, the Missouri State Highway Patrol can be proud of all it has done for the State of Missouri, and they should be congratulated for receiving this well deserved award. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in congratulating the men and women of the Highway Patrol.

IN HONOR OF TRICIA ROBERTS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize a great Delawarean, Tricia Roberts, a recipient of the Kathryn J.R. Swanson Public Service Award from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA). Tricia was given this prestigious award for her tireless dedication to keeping Delaware's roadways safe during her career with the Office of Highway Safety (OHS). I am honored that the GHSA has selected Tricia for this award as she is certainly well-deserving. I also wish Tricia all the best in her new found retirement.

Tricia joined the Delaware OHS as a community relations officer in 1989, while I was serving as Governor of Delaware. Through hard work and determination, Tricia quickly rose to director of OHS in 1994. During her time as director, Tricia led the charge to enact strong motor vehicle safety measures, such as the primary seat belt law, bicycle helmet law, and the repeat DUI offender legislation. After legislation was signed into law in 2000 to make a .08 blood alcohol level the standard in all 50 states, which I and others in the House of Representatives worked to pass, Tricia worked tirelessly for several years to toughen drunk driving laws in Delaware to meet federal requirements. Also a steadfast proponent of Checkpoint Strikeforce DUI prevention programs, Tricia was extremely dedicated to keeping impaired drivers off of Delaware's roads. Her innovative measures and dedication to highway safety has improved Delaware's roadways and undoubtedly ensured the safety of thousands.

I am proud to represent a state where individuals such as Tricia Roberts reside. I am extremely grateful for Tricia's efforts toward improving highway safety and I wish her all the best in retirement. It is individuals like Tricia that give Delaware the good name that it has.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, October 1 is the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a moment to reflect on the great work done by scientists, physicians and nurses, patients, survivors, and their families

every day to detect, treat, prevent and—one day—cure breast cancer. It is a time to recall the personal losses of so many family members and friends. And it is an occasion to measure the important progress made against breast cancer and the improvement in the chances of survival and in the quality of life for women and men with breast cancer.

But, for the more than 200,000 American women diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and the 40,000 who will die from breast cancer, it is also time for us to renew our commitment in this struggle, to reaffirm that we will complete this work, meet unmet needs, and once and for all end the risk of breast cancer to our families and our children.

This is a struggle that we willingly take on for our families, and for families around the world, where a woman dies from breast cancer every minute of every hour of every day. This year, 1.3 million women worldwide will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and of them a half million will die from breast cancer. As we mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the United States, we do so as members of a global community facing a common health threat.

This year brings other important commemorative milestones in the fight against breast cancer. I learned recently that this year is the thirtieth anniversary of Nancy Brinker's promise to her sister, Susan G. Komen, to pursue a cure for breast cancer—a promise that helped spark vital patient advocacy worldwide in the race for a cure.

This is the twentieth anniversary of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In 1990, Congress stepped in to give women access to early cancer detection. By passing this law, we sent the message that no woman should have to forgo life-saving tests because she can't afford them. More than 3 million American women have benefited from this program.

This is also the tenth anniversary of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act, which expanded Medicaid coverage for American women diagnosed through the screening and early detection services supported by NBCCEDP. Today, this coverage is available in all fifty States.

Last year, in passing comprehensive health care reform, we built on these early achievements by expanding health coverage and making preventive health care more accessible for all Americans. We did this because uninsured cancer patients are 60 percent more likely to die than privately insured patients within five years of diagnosis. We did this because of the tens of millions of uninsured Americans who deserve screening, treatment and care—but do not receive them today.

We have important work that remains to be done. Only a fraction of the American women eligible to receive preventive health services under NBCCEDP do so. There are waiting lists at clinics, which mean women whose cancers could have been caught early and treated instead find out when their disease has progressed and spread. There are new screening technologies to be developed, new treatments and hopefully cures that await discovery.

Madam Speaker, I hope that every American family takes a moment during October to reflect on the progress we've made against

breast cancer and to commit to taking steps to protect their health or to contribute in some way to creating and achieving a world without breast cancer.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED EMPLOYEES OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the dedicated employees of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) in safeguarding the citizens of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties in Maryland.

In the early morning hours of July 1, 2010, a WSSC fiber optics monitoring system notified key WSSC personnel of impending danger involving a 96" water main located near Tuckerman Lane in Montgomery County, Maryland. This highly pressurized water main is one of the main distribution conduits serving both Counties, but is of particular importance to the citizens of Prince George's County. WSSC mobilized immediately coordinating with Maryland state and county officials to isolate the problem, dewater the main, replace the damaged section, and restore water service. This all occurred without a loss of water pressure in the system that could have impacted adversely critical services like hospitals and firefighting capabilities. WSSC instituted and enforced mandatory water restrictions over the holiday weekend to ensure adequate pressure was maintained for public health and safety.

WSSC is to be commended for their leadership and efforts throughout this incident. As Paul Hajek, Acting Director of Operations for the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) wrote to WSSC's General Manager, "I found WSSC to be highly professional, responsive and cautiously deliberate in how they handled the entire incident. From a State perspective, it was refreshing to work with a company that at every turn 'had it under control'. Your company's actions turned what was a probable 'emergency incident' into an 'event'."

WSSC Commissioners and General Manager Jerry N. Johnson honored WSSC employees for their efforts in this incident during the July 21, 2010 Commission meeting. In a communication from the General Manager to the employees honored, Mr. Johnson wrote:

"As you know, I believe that our employees are our most valuable asset. The members of the WSSC team demonstrate their commitment every day whether they are responding to a customer inquiry in the Call Center, inspecting a contractor's repair of a sewer lateral, turning valves to isolate a water main break or repairing a pump in the machine shop. I am proud to be a member of such a dedicated and capable workforce that so fully understands the critical nature of our work and how each of us plays an important role in fulfilling our obligation to provide high quality reliable services to our customers.

"Due, in part, to your hard work, WSSC averted a potentially catastrophic break in the

96-inch main. We know from past experience the destructive power of such a break. There is no doubt a sudden break at Tuckerman Lane and Gainsborough Road would have been devastating.

"We appreciate your personal sacrifices, including the physical demands of working long hours in near-record breaking heat, and the time that could have been spent with loved ones celebrating our Nation's Independence Day holiday. Your professionalism and work ethic personify the work ethic of the entire WSSC team. We are so very proud of our employees and the contractors who represented the Commission in all phases of the repair operation.

"On behalf of our customers and staff, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your excellent implementation of WSSC's customer service goals and expectations. You selflessly carried out our mission to provide safe and reliable water, life's most precious resource, in an ethically and financially responsible manner. We salute you for a job well done!"

One noteworthy individual is WSSC Customer Care West Group Leader, Hak Kwon. Nicknamed by many during and after this event as "The General," Mr. Kwon lead the WSSC Team working tirelessly and professionally to resolve the problem as quickly and as safely as possible.

In crisis situations such as this early July 2010 incident, it is comforting to know that the employees of the WSSC can rise to the occasion, make the difficult decisions, and safeguard our citizens.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join General Manager Jerry Johnson and me in commending the WSSC and its employees on a job well done.

PROVIDING HONORARY TITLE FOR ARMY RESERVISTS

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3787, which I joined my colleague the gentleman from Minnesota in introducing. Our military increasingly depends on the National Guard and Reserve to keep our country safe. Men and women who served our country faithfully for decades deserve full recognition as veterans, even if they were never deployed. The legislation would extend full veteran status under federal law to retired members of the Guard and Reserve. Current law does not consider Guard and Reserve members to be veterans unless they were deployed for more than 30 days. The policy excludes many soldiers in the Guard and Reserve who, while never deployed for long periods of time, carried out critical support roles during times of war and peace, engaged in frequent and often dangerous training exercises, and stood ready to risk their lives to protect our nation during military careers that spanned decades. This legislation recognizes the service and sacrifice of National Guard and Reserve retirees and grants them the full honor of being called veterans that they have earned. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, which is a

matter of honor and fairness to our citizen soldiers.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. JUDY TUCKER, DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES FOR U. S. REP. BOBBY L. RUSH, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, we live in an age where the average length of time that a typical American worker spends on a job is from three to five years. That's why, as this month comes to a close, it is all the more remarkable that one of my most respected employees, Mrs. Judy Tucker, has served me with distinction, honor and humility for 24 years—only one year shy of a quarter century. Her commitment to service and to the people of the 1st Congressional District of Illinois is truly remarkable in this day and age. And for that, I thank her for her service.

But there's so much more to Judy Tucker's story.

When the history of Chicago's African American political community is written, Judy Tucker's name will be an important part of that vast network of tireless, determined men and women who served with distinction in those all important "trenches"—you know, the nose-to-the grind, inner workings of government that mean the world to the typical voter, constituent and his or her family. Judy Tucker is the only employee to have served me, consistently, since I was first elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1992. That was 20 years ago. This tribute recognizes her for 24 years of service because, prior to my election to Congress, Judy served me capably and effectively, for four years, as my personal secretary in my Second Ward Aldermanic Office.

Judy's background in public service also includes playing key administrative leadership roles for my friend, Cook County Commissioner Jerry Butler, and, prior to that, working for several years for the iconic African American Member of Congress, Ralph Metcalfe, who also represented the people of the 1st Congressional District. It is my pleasure to note that through all of Judy's professional life she has prided herself on her service to the men and women of the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois and, for the past 20 years, the people of the 1st Congressional District that I'm so proud to serve.

As Director of Constituent Services, Judy managed those all important details of what it means to provide assistance to those constituents who need help. No matter the request, if it was within our power to assist a constituent, Judy Tucker made sure that their resource or information needs were addressed quickly, accurately and in a professional manner. There was never a request too large or too small for Judy to handle. In many ways, Judy's job is one of, if not the most important job that I have on staff. That's because her work hits home where it matters most—in the daily lives of the constituents that my staff and I are here to serve. Judy never forgot about the needs of my constituents and she worked tirelessly to

provide them with the information, services or access to resources and services that they needed for all the years I've been a member of Congress. Madame Speaker, I can't tell you how grateful I am for her capable service and how proud I am of the honor and distinction she has brought to my office.

In addition to being an effective Constituent Services Director, Judy is also a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Married to her husband, Elisheous Tucker for 38 years, she and her husband are faithful members of the Miracle House of Prayer Church. As she settles into her well deserved retirement, while my staff and I will miss her, I suspect she'll be able to spend more time with her church community, her family and friends. In addition to traveling, I can imagine her spending much more time tending to her garden, a hobby that I know she truly enjoys.

What more can I say other than every Member of Congress should be blessed to have someone of the caliber, grace and professionalism of Mrs. Judy Tucker. While my staff and I will miss her presence in our office, she will always be a valued member of the permanent "Rush Team" for years to come.

On behalf of my staff, my wife, Carolyn, and the people of the 1st Congressional District of Illinois, I wish Mrs. Judy Tucker all the joy and gifts that God can bestow upon her, and her family, for years and years to come.

Thank you so much, Judy, for a job well done. I value our friendship and you and your family are forever in my thoughts and prayers. My God richly bless you now and always.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RHAWNURST-BUSTLETON AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Rhawnhurst-Bustleton Ambulance Association on its 50th anniversary. This volunteer ambulance corps, located in Northeast Philadelphia, serves the residents of the Bustleton and Rhawnhurst neighborhoods.

Fifty years ago Rhawnhurst and Bustleton were not served by the ambulances operated by area hospitals. This lack of emergency medical services was a serious safety and health challenge for these residents and businesses. Seeing this need, a small group of dedicated citizens took action. Five individuals met in the basement of a neighborhood home to take an oath to provide this much needed service. Six months later, with two ambulances in its fleet, the Rhawnhurst-Bustleton Ambulance Association incorporated as a non-profit organization.

The ambulance association is now state-licensed and certified, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Over the past 50 years these dedicated volunteers have incorporated advanced technologies and practices into their daily operations. This neighborhood has been safer and more secure over these past 50 years because this small group of committed people decided to take an extra step to care for their neighbors.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and wishing the Rhawnhurst-Bustleton Ambulance Association many more years of faithful service to the community.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
GOLDIE MORROW LONG
BOERNER HARRISON ON HER
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Goldie Morrow Long Boerner Harrison was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, on October 3, 1910,

Whereas, Goldie joined the SPARS during World War II, where she sang and danced in a show for enlisted personnel in the Coast Guard,

Whereas, Goldie opened a hair salon in Massillon where she styled the hair of the stars who performed at the Canal Fulton Playhouse, including Vivian Vance, Tammy Grimes, Imogene Coco and President Truman's daughter Margaret,

Whereas, Givin now lives in Dover, Ohio, where she will celebrate with close friends and family,

Resolved that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Goldie Harrison on achieving her 100th birthday, and for her contributions to her community and country.

TESTIMONY OF MR. CHRISTOPHER COATES BEFORE THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS REGARDING UNEQUAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I submit certain sections of the testimony of Mr. Christopher Coates before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in which he discusses the unequal enforcement of federal voting laws by political and career officials in the Department of Justice.

THE DECISION TO DISMISS AND TO LIMIT
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IN THE NBPP CASE

It was within this atmosphere, with these managers, and with pressure being applied by an organization—NAACP LDF—that is close to the Obama Administration's CRD management, that the decision to gut the NBPP case was made. Although there have been recent reports that indicate that senior political appointees at higher levels in the Department were involved in the NBPP case, it was Ms. King, along with her Deputy, Steve Rosenbaum, who the Justice Department has claimed made the decision to dismiss three of the party-defendants in the case and ordered the limitation on the broader injunctive relief recommended by both Voting Section and Appellate Section attorneys against the one remaining defendant.

It is my opinion that this disposition of the NBPP case was ordered because the peo-

ple calling the shots in May 2009 were angry at the filing of the Ike Brown case and angry at our filing of the NBPP case. That anger was the result of their deep-seated opposition to the equal enforcement of the VRA against racial minorities and for the protection of whites who have been discriminated against. Ms. King, Mr. Rosenbaum, Mr. Kappelhoff, Ms. Clarke, a large number of the people who work in the Voting Section and the CRD, and many of the liberal private groups that work in the civil rights field believe, incorrectly but vehemently, that enforcement of the protections of the VRA should not be extended to white voters but should be limited to protecting racial, ethnic and language minorities.

The final disposition of the NBPP case, even in the face of a default by the defendants, was caused by this incorrect view of civil rights enforcement, and it was intended to send a direct message to people inside and outside the CRD. That message is that the filing of voting cases like the Ike Brown and the NBPP cases would not continue in the Obama Administration. The disposition of the NBPP case was not required by the facts developed during the case or the applicable law, as has been claimed, but was because of this incorrect view of civil rights enforcement that is at war with the statutory language in the VRA and with racially fair enforcement of federal law.

FAILURE TO ENFORCE SECTION 5

If anyone doubts that CRD and the Voting Section have failed to enforce the VRA in a race-neutral manner, one only has to look at the enforcement of the Section 5 preclearance requirements. Those requirements mandate that federal preclearance for voting changes within the covered jurisdictions be obtained for any covered change and that preclearance not be given for changes that have a racially discriminatory purpose or effect. The statutory language of Section 5 speaks in terms of protecting all voters from racial discrimination. But the Voting Section has never interposed an objection under Section 5 to a voting change on the ground that it discriminated against white voters in the forty-five (45) year history of the Act.

This failure includes no objections in the many majority-minority jurisdictions in the covered states. Indeed, the personnel in the Voting Section's unit which handles Section 5 submissions are instructed only to see if the change discriminates against racial, ethnic, and language minority voters. This practice of not enforcing Section 5's protections for white voters includes jurisdictions, such as Noxubee County, Mississippi where the Ike Brown case arose, where white voters are in the racial minority. It is in those jurisdictions the Voting Section's failure to apply Section 5's protections for the white minority is particularly problematic. On two occasions, while I was Chief of the Voting Section, I tried to persuade officials at the CRD level to change this policy so that white voters would be protected by Section 5 in appropriate circumstances, but to no avail. I believe that present management in both the CRD and the Voting Section are opposed to race-neutral enforcement of Section 5 and continue to enforce those provisions in a racially selective manner.

REASONS GIVEN BY THE DOJ FOR ITS ACTIONS IN
NBPP CASE

As I have indicated, I am not going to testify about the statements made during my meetings with Ms. King and Mr. Rosenbaum, because of the DOJ's assertion of the deliberative process privilege. However, the DOJ and Mr. Perez have publicly articulated the reasons for the disposition of the NBPP case, and I will therefore address here several of

these publicly stated reasons for dismissals of three of the defendants and the limitation on the injunctive relief.

The primary reason cited by the CRD for not obtaining injunctive relief against Black Panther Jerry Jackson who stood at the Philadelphia polling place in uniform with fellow Panther King Samir Shabazz, but without a weapon, was that a Philadelphia police officer who came to the polling place made the determination that King Samir Shabazz had to leave the polling place, but that Black Panther Jackson could stay because he was a certified Democratic Party poll watcher. During my thirteen and one-half (13½) years in the Voting Section, I cannot remember another situation where the decision not to file suit under the VRA, much less to dismiss pending claims and parties, as in the NBPP case, was made in whole or in part on a determination of a local police officer. In my experience, officials in the Voting Section and the CRA always reserved for themselves, and correctly so, the determination as to what behavior constitutes a violation of federal law, and what does not. One of the reasons for this federal preemption of the determination of what constitutes a VRA violation is that a local police officer is not normally trained in what constitutes a VRA violation. In addition, in the Philadelphia Police Incident Report provided to this Commission, the Philadelphia police officer who came to the polling place did not determine that Black Panther Jackson's actions were not intimidating; instead, he simply reported that Mr. Jackson was certified by the Democratic Party to be a poll watcher at the polling place.

Further, as the history underlying the enactment and extension of the VRA shows, local police on occasion have had sympathy for persons who were involved in behavior that adversely affected the right to vote and violated the protections of the VRA. In this case, however, the fact that one Philadelphia police officer did not require Black Panther Jackson to leave the area became such a compelling piece of evidence that it was cited by the Assistant Attorney General Perez in his May 14, 2010 statement to this Commission. There Mr. Perez stated that "the Department placed significant weight on the responses of the law enforcement first responder to the Philadelphia polling place," in allowing Black Panther Jackson to escape a default judgment and escape the entry of injunctive relief against his future actions. Based upon my experience, this reasoning is extraordinarily strange and an unpersuasive basis to support the CRD's disposition of the NBPP case.

Another publicly stated reason by the DOJ was in a July 13, 2009 letter to Congressmen Frank Wolf and Lamar Smith that pointed out that Panther Jackson lived at the apartment building whose lower level was being used as the polling place. This reason was later abandoned by the CRD, but the fact that it was asserted by the DOJ as a reason for the dismissals in the NBPP case strongly suggests that it was a reason asserted at some point close to the time of the dismissals. Regarding the location of Black Panther Jackson's residence, our investigation determined that Jackson's claim that his residence was at this apartment building was not true. However, even if Black Panther Jackson had resided there, it should be quite clear to all that such a fact would not have provided him a legal basis for intimidating voters.

To understand the irrationality of these articulated reasons for gutting this case, one only has to state the facts in the racial reverse. Assume that two members of the KKK, one of which lived in an apartment building that was being used as a polling place,

showed up at the entrance in KKK uniform and that one of the Klansman was carrying a billy stick. Further assume that the two Klansmen were yelling racial slurs at black voters who were a minority of people registered to vote at this polling place, and the Klansmen were blocking ingress to the polling place. Assume further that a local policeman comes on the scene and determines that the Klansman with the billy club must leave but that the other Klansman could stay because he was certified as a poll watcher for a local political party.

In those circumstances does anyone seriously believe that the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights would contend that on the basis of the facts and law, the CRD did not have a case under the VRA against this hypothetical Klansman because he resided in the apartment building where the polling place was located, or because he was allowed to stay at the polling place by a local police officer because he was a poll watcher? I certainly hope Mr. Perez would not find that hypothetical case lacking in merit, and I will guarantee you that Ms. King, Mr. Rosenbaum, Mr. Kappelhoff and Ms. Clarke would not either. However, such reasons are a part of the publicly articulated grounds for the CRD's decision to instruct me to dismiss a significant portion of the NBPP case.

Based upon my own personal knowledge of the events surrounding the NBPP case and the atmosphere that has existed in the CRD and the Voting Section against racially fair enforcement of certain federal voting laws, I do not believe these publicly stated representations to this Commission and other entities accurately reflect what occurred in the NBPP case. They do not acknowledge the hostile atmosphere that has existed within the CRD against race-neutral enforcement of the VRA.

MS. FERNANDEZ'S STATEMENTS TO THE VOTING SECTION

In the summer of 2009, Julie Fernandez was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights by the Obama Administration. One of her responsibilities is to oversee the Voting Section. Ms. Fernandez and I had worked together in the Voting Section during the Clinton Administration. She had spent years working for civil rights groups since our Clinton Administration days, mainly with the Leadership Conference for Civil Rights, but I hoped that she might have an enforcement approach different than Ms. King's and Mr. Rosenbaum's. I was to be disappointed.

Mr. Fernandez began scheduling lunches in the conference room of the Voting Section at which times the various statutes the Voting Section has the responsibility for enforcing were discussed as well as other enforcement activities. In September 2009, Ms. Fernandez held such a meeting to discuss enforcement of the anti-discrimination provisions of Section 2 of the VRA. At this meeting one of the Voting Section trial attorneys asked Ms. Fernandez what criteria would be used to determine what type of Section 2 cases the CRD Front Office would be interested in pursuing.

Ms. Fernandez responded by telling the gathering that the Obama Administration was only interested in bringing traditional types of Section 2 cases that would provide political equality for racial and language minority voters, and she went on to say that this is what we are all about, or words to that effect. When Ms. Fernandez made that statement, everyone in the room understood exactly what she meant—no more cases like the Ike Brown or NBPP cases. Ms. Fernandez reiterated that directive in another meeting held in December 2009 on the subject of fed-

eral observer election coverage, in which she stated to the entire group in attendance that the Voting Section's goal was to ensure equal access for voters of color or minority language.

In November 2009, a similar lunch meeting was held by Ms. Fernandez on the subject of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). The NVRA has three provisions that have led to enforcement activity by the Voting Section. The first is Section 7 which requires that certain government offices, such as the local office that provides public assistance, also provide their clients the opportunity to register to vote. The other two provisions of the NVRA are found in Section 8 of that Act. They require states to ensure that voter registration list maintenance be conducted so that registration lists do not have the names of persons who are no longer eligible to vote in the jurisdiction. Further, Section 8 also provides that certain notice procedures are to be followed in order to legally remove persons from a voter registration list.

In discussions specifically addressing the list maintenance provision of Section 8 of the NVRA, Ms. Fernandez stated that list maintenance had to do with the administration of elections. She went on to say that the Obama Administration was not interested in that type of issue, but instead interested in issues that pertained to voter access. During the Bush Administration, the Voting Section began filing cases under the list maintenance provision of Section 8 to compel states and local registration officials to remove ineligible voters. These suits were very unpopular with a number of the groups that work in the area of voting rights. When Ms. Fernandez told the Voting Section that the Obama Administration was not interested in Section 8 list maintenance enforcement activity, everyone in the room understood exactly what she meant. We understood that she was not talking about Section 8 cases in which there is a claim that the removal procedures of Section 8 were not being complied with; instead, she was talking about the types of cases that the Voting Section filed during the Bush Administration whose purpose was to compel the states to comply with the Section 8 directive that they do list maintenance by removing ineligible from the list.

In June 2009, the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) issued its bi-annual report concerning which states appeared not to be complying with Section 8's list maintenance requirements. The report identified eight states that appeared to be the worst in terms of their non-compliance with the list maintenance requirements of Section 8. These were states that reported that no voters had been removed from any of their voters' list in the last two years. Obviously, this is a good indication that something is not right with the list maintenance practices in that state. As Chief of the Voting Section, I assigned attorneys to work on this matter, and in September 2009, I forwarded a memorandum to the CRD Front Office asking for approval to go forward with Section 8 list maintenance investigations in these states.

During the time that I was Chief, no approval was given to this project, and it is my understanding that approval has never been given for that Section 8 list maintenance project to date. That means that we have entered the 2010 election cycle with eight states appearing to be in major noncompliance with the list maintenance requirements of Section 8 of the NVRA, and yet the Voting Section which has the responsibility to enforce that law has yet to take any action. From these circumstances I believe that Ms. Fernandez's statement to the Voting Section in November 2009 not to, in effect, initiate

Section 8 list maintenance enforcement activities has been complied with.

In Mr. Perez's letter to this Commission of August 11, 2010, he stated that the CRD currently has active matters under the NVRA, "including investigations under Section 8." In making this statement, I do not believe Mr. Perez was referring to Section 8 list maintenance cases, the kind of cases Ms. Fernandez was referring to when she talked about no interest in enforcing Section 8, because I do not believe that the Voting Section has recently been involved in any list maintenance enforcement during the Obama Administration.

I believe that federal prosecutors, criminal and civil, have prosecutorial discretion in deciding how we are going to use our resources, but I do not think that discretion goes so far as to allow us to decide not to do any enforcement of a law enacted by Congress, because political appointees determine that they are not interested in enforcing that law. That is an abuse of prosecutorial discretion.

Further, not to enforce the list maintenance provisions of Section 8 are likely to have partisan consequences as well. A number of the jurisdictions that have bloated voter registration lists are where there are sizable minority populations and are Democratic strongholds. For example, at the time of the trial in the Ike Brown case, the Noxubee County Election Commission had not purged its list, as required by Mississippi law and Section 8 of the NVRA, so that the number of persons on the voter registration list was approximately 130 percent of the number of people in that county who were eighteen (18) years or older. As Congress recognized in enacting the list maintenance provisions of Section 8, bloated voter registration lists increase the risk of voter fraud.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RACIAL-NEUTRAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE VRA

Equal enforcement of the VRA is absolutely essential for a number of reasons. First, it is required by the statutory language of the VRA. Congress did not use statutory language that speaks in terms of discrimination against racial or language minorities, but in terms of discrimination on the basis of race or color. In extending and amending Section 5 of the Act in 2006, the Congress used the term "any voter", not racial or ethnic minority voters. Further, the statutory construction given the VRA by the courts supports that the Act is written in race-neutral terms and is intended for the protection of all.

When we go to work with the DOJ, we all take an oath faithfully to enforce the laws of the United States. Enforcing the VRA in a racially selectively manner or choosing not to enforce certain provisions of federal voting law is not in compliance with the oaths that we have taken.

Second, when the VRA was originally enacted in 1965, it probably did not make a great deal of difference, as a practical matter, whether its prohibitions against race discrimination and intimidation were enforced against minority wrongdoers as well as white wrongdoers. During that time period, there were very few minority election officials in the overwhelming majority of jurisdictions, and in a number of jurisdictions there were no minority election officials. However, during the last forty-five (45) years, the United States has changed for the better. Large numbers of minority persons now serve as election and poll officials in hundreds of jurisdictions throughout America. In such a multi-racial and multi-cultural country, not the one of Bull Connor or Ross Barnett, but the country in which an

African American serves as the President and as the Attorney General of the United States, and it is absolutely essential that the VRA be enforced equally against all racial and ethnic groups.

During my years in the Voting Section, and particularly during the time I served in a management capacity, I became acutely aware based on complaints and conducting investigations that a sizable number of voting illegalities are committed by members of racial and ethnic minorities. Noxubee County, Mississippi is a prime example. Noxubee was not, as some critics have claimed, a mere aberration. Let me give you two other examples.

During the time I was Chief of the Voting Section, we conducted a prolonged investigation in Wilkinson County, Mississippi, a majority-black county in the southwestern part of the State. A long battle between an all-black faction and a racially integrated faction had been going on for a substantial period of time in that county. Relations between the two factions had reached the point where the all-black faction would not allow members of the racially-integrated faction to play any role in the conduct of the local elections, including the counts of absentee ballots or the choosing of persons to work at the polls. After a local election in Wilkinson County in 2007, the home of a white candidate for local office was burned. No one was ever prosecuted for this burning, and the burning of this candidate's home never received any national attention. The Voting Section in the end did not file a VRA lawsuit in Wilkinson County for a number of reasons, including the pendency of multiple election contests in state courts during the time of our investigation and the fear that the filing of suit by the DOJ would suggest we were taking sides in election disputes. We did send federal observers to elections there, including the 2008 election. I came away from the Wilkinson County investigation with the clear impression that African American officials there were involved in voting-related acts of racial discrimination against whites.

In addition in 2005, I conducted an investigation in Hale and Perry Counties, Alabama, two other majority-black counties. Again, there were political factions in these counties with one faction all-black and the other a racially integrated faction. There were multiple claims by the racially integrated faction of absentee ballot and other types of voter fraud being perpetrated by the all-black factions in these counties. While investigating in Hale County, I learned that there had been a recent highly contentious election, and on the night of that election, election materials, including absentee ballots, were placed for safe keeping in a local bank vault so that those materials could be reviewed the next morning by election officials. Overnight that bank was set on fire. No one was ever prosecuted for that burning. Again, the Voting Section did not end up filing a VRA lawsuit in either of these Alabama counties for a number of reasons, including on-going voting fraud investigations by the state Attorney General's office in those counties. I have recently learned that several African American political officials have been convicted for absentee ballot fraud in Hale County. Again, I came away from the Hale and Perry County investigations with the clear impression that some individual African Americans in those counties were involved in acts of racial discrimination against whites.

In pointing these examples out, I am not suggesting that minority election and poll officials or minority political activists are more likely to commit voting law violations than are their white counterparts. What I

am pointing out is that I believe that some minorities are just as likely to resort to lawlessness in the voting area as are some whites. For the CRD and Voting Section to pursue enforcement practices that ignore VRA violations by members of minority groups will encourage lawlessness in the voting area by those who will have no fear that the Federal Government will enforce the federal law against them. In our increasingly multiethnic society, that is a clear recipe to undermine the public's confidence in the legitimacy of our electoral process.

I have heard some argue that prosecutors, both criminal and civil, have prosecutorial discretion that gives attorneys in the CRD and the Voting Section the authority not to bring VRA lawsuits against minority wrongdoers. It is certainly true that prosecutors have discretion to decide what cases to bring based upon resource issues and other legal considerations. But we do not have the discretion to decide not to enforce the law based upon the race of the perpetrators or the race of the victims of the wrongdoing. Those discretionary decisions cannot constitutionally be based upon race.

In conclusion, I thank you for the time you have given me to testify on these important enforcement issues. I commend the Civil Rights Commission for making inquiries into these areas. Individuals of good will, regardless of their race, ethnicity or language-minority status, should be concerned about the CRD not enforcing laws in a race-neutral manner. As important as the mandate in the VRA is to protect minority voters, white voters also have an interest in being able to go to the polls without having race-haters such as Black Panther King Samir Shabazz whose public rhetoric includes such statements as "kill cracker babies" standing at the entrance of the polling place with a billy club in his hand hurling racial slurs. Given this outrageous conduct, it was a travesty on justice for the DIN not to allow attorneys in the Voting Section to obtain nation-wide injunctive relief against all four of the defendants.

CALLING ON JAPAN TO ADDRESS CHILD ABDUCTION CASES

SPEECH OF

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1326, a resolution calling on the Government of Japan to immediately address the urgent problem involving United States citizen children who are abducted by one parent and unlawfully taken to Japan without intervention by the Japanese Government.

This resolution urges the Government of Japan to work closely with the United States Government to return American children to their custodial parent in the United States and to adopt the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

As a father of three beautiful daughters, I have cherished every moment I have spent watching them grow up and I look forward to seeing them continue to develop into confident, young women. Sadly, not all parents have been as fortunate as me.

Since 1994, the State Department's Office of Children's Issues had opened 194 cases involving 214 American children taken to Japan. As of March 25, 2010, there were 95 open

cases involving 136 American children abducted or wrongfully retained in Japan. One of those cases is that of Melissa Braden, the daughter of one of my constituents, Patrick Braden.

In the midst of a custody dispute in 2006, Melissa was taken to Japan by her mother in violation of a court order giving both parents access to the child and prohibiting either parent from taking Melissa outside of the United States. Melissa has been in Japan ever since. Despite an arrest warrant issued by the FBI for her mother, Japanese authorities have refused to act on this case. Japanese courts give no recognition to the parental rights of the non-Japanese parent, and the Japanese government refuses to enforce U.S. court orders related to child custody or visitation.

I have tried for the past 3 years to help secure the return of Melissa or at the very least reunite Mr. Braden with his daughter in Japan. Unfortunately, Japan is not a signatory to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Parties to the Hague Abduction Convention agree to promptly return a child who is living in one Convention country and who has been removed to or retained in another Convention country in violation of a left-behind parent's custodial rights. I spoke about Melissa's case before this body last year, but it is important that I continue to speak about her case so that other parents do not have to live through what Mr. Braden is still experiencing today.

As my mother once told me: there is nothing worse than losing your own child, especially when your child is still alive. I thank Chairman BERMAN for his support of this issue and Mr. MORAN of Virginia and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey for standing up for America's parents and children.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution to secure action on behalf of our American families with children retained in Japan.

TRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA WOMEN'S ROWING TEAM

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the University of Virginia Women's Rowing Team for their victory at the 2010 NCAA Championships on May 30, 2010. This victory gives the University of Virginia its 20th National Championship in school history.

I commend Head Coach Kevin Sauer and Associate Head Coach Steve Pritzker for their leadership. I also wish to recognize the members of the First Varsity Eight, Coxswain Sidney Thorsten, Jennifer Cromwell, Katrin Reinert, Desiree Burns, Kristine O'Brien, Martha Kuzzy, Helen Tompkins, Nora Phillips, and Summers Nelson, and the members of the Second Varsity Eight, Coxswain Cristine Candland, Victoria Burke, Marie Long, Lauren Hutchins, Sarah Borchelt, Caroline Sweeny, Christine Roper, Claudia Blandford, and Lauren Shook. These young women exemplify the best tradition of the student-athlete: hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence in sport, in academics, and in teamwork.

The Cavaliers' Varsity Four, Ruth Retzinger, Hunter Terry, Chelsea Simpson, Inge

Janssen, and Coxswain Sarah Pichardo, were also victorious in their own event, finishing more than a boat's length ahead of their closest competitor. Their NCAA Championship marks the final victory in an undefeated season. They are the seventh crew team in Virginia history to win the award, and the first since 2007. I congratulate these dynamic young women for their tremendous hard work, and for the leadership and inspiration they brought to the entire Women's Rowing Team.

I congratulate the women of the rowing team for their exciting victory. Their hard work, determination, and competitive spirit are a credit to the University of Virginia and the Commonwealth. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating these impressive student-athletes on their accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING THE AUBURN ALL-STARS LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD SERIES

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Auburn, Washington's Little League Baseball team, the Auburn All-Stars, for their performance in the Little League World Series.

The 646th Little League World Series began August 20, 2010 and the Auburn All-Stars advanced to within one game of the United States Championships. The tournament hosts 16 national teams comprised of our country's top young baseball players. The Auburn All-Stars achieved a great accomplishment by reaching the Little League World Series, and even more so for coming so close to advancing to the United States Championships.

Mayor Peter Lewis of Auburn has recognized the team's success in the 2010 tournament. Mayor Lewis has also praised the Auburn All-Stars for bringing the Auburn community together. During the tournament, the Auburn Avenue Theater opened its doors to the public and showed the game free of charge. Many other local businesses supported the team in several ways such as contributing to the players' travel and other expenses. It is clear that the entire community embraced their team through immense pride.

Together, the Auburn All-Stars advanced further than any other team from Washington State since 1982. They should be extremely proud of what they have accomplished through each team member's hard work and dedication.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating the Auburn Little League Baseball team and their outstanding success in the Little League World Series.

HONORING JANE McLAUGHLIN

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share with you and my colleagues my pride

in an incredible woman who has the distinction of being the oldest active paramedic in Oregon. Jane McLaughlin is 74 years of age and is completing service as the Emergency Medical Services Chief for the Chiloquin Volunteer Ambulance Service, capping off a long and distinguished career.

Jane began her EMS career almost three decades ago when her youngest son suffered an accidental wound and was treated and transported by Chiloquin Volunteer Ambulance Service. From that day on, she knew that her calling was to meaningfully serve and comfort those in need of emergency medical assistance.

Since accepting this calling, Jane has served her community for over 28 years in a variety of emergency response functions. She has held every level of EMS certification the State of Oregon authorizes and has volunteered thousands of hours of service. Jane has never stopped learning and she has never stopped growing. At 61, she completed her fire fighting academy training.

The many awards and accolades presented to Jane are a strong testimony to how much her community and others value her service to her fellow man. The Klamath County United Way has recognized Jane both with their Accommodation for Excellence and Volunteer of the Year Award. The State of Oregon Department of EMS and Trauma Systems awarded her the Meritorious Service award as paramedic of the year. Jane was chosen by the mayor of Chiloquin to be the grand marshal in the 2009 Fourth of July Parade for her outstanding service.

Madam Speaker, however noteworthy Jane's age, years of service, and many awards are, the real story is the good that she has done for almost three decades of service. Jane's neighbors and local citizens are familiar with her accomplishments, but they know her best for her kindness, her compassion, her dedication, and her unselfishness. In the community, when people think about the Chiloquin Volunteer Ambulance Service, Jane McLaughlin comes immediately to mind.

Jane has demonstrated heroism when she has on many occasions risked her own life to save the lives of others. Jane's comforting ways as a first responder have helped the injured and sick cope with their emergency situation with reduced fear and confidence that their condition will improve. Jane has an incredible gift of healing that goes far beyond the administering of basic medical attention. She not only relieves pain, she delivers comfort and peace to people in distressed situations. The service that Jane has given to others comes from an acute sense of duty and the sincere goodwill of an unselfish, engaged, and compassionate person.

As my esteemed colleagues well know, an impact player like Jane McLaughlin sets the tone of a successful operation, provides a shining example for others to follow in a relentless path to excellence, and engages others to join her in serving their fellow man. Jane will be missed, but her good work will continue in the hands and hearts of those she has inspired and trained to deliver the best in emergency medical service.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, I invite you to join me in honoring Jane McLaughlin, the kind of person who improves our world and restores our faith in our fellow man. Her goodness is contagious, and she sets an example for all of us to follow.

HONORING YOSEMITE NATIONAL
PARK

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 120th birthday of Yosemite National Park. Yosemite National Park was designated a national park by an Act of Congress on October 1, 1890. Yosemite was the third national park to be designated as such in the United States, following Yellowstone in 1872 and Sequoia in 1890. Friday, October 1, 2010 marks the 120th birthday of the park.

Although Yosemite was the third official national park, it was the history of Yosemite Valley that gave birth to the national park concept. In the 1860s, when commercial interests began to take a foothold in Yosemite, prominent citizens and politicians who were concerned about the effects of these interests began lobbying for Federal protection for the area. A park bill creating the Yosemite Grant passed both houses of Congress and was signed by President Abraham Lincoln on June 30, 1864. The Grant, which set aside the Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove, stated that the lands be held "... for public use, resort and recreation . . . inalienable for all time." It was the first time in history that land was set aside purely for preservation and recreation for all people by action of the U.S. Federal Government. The Grant's creation set the precedent for the eventual creation of the first national park, Yellowstone, in 1872. The Yosemite Grant was ceded to and administered by the State of California as a State park until 1906. The Grant was then ceded to the Federal Government and included in Yosemite National Park.

Today, Yosemite National Park encompasses 747,959 acres, stretching across 3 counties and the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Almost 95 percent of the park is Federally designated as wilderness. The park is home to thousands of species of plants and more than 400 species of vertebrates, including fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles, and mammals. Approximately 4 million people from around the world visit Yosemite every year. With endless opportunities for outdoor recreation, most visitors spend their time in the Yosemite Valley, where they hike the John Muir Trail, wander under the canopy of the Giant Sequoias and breathe in the mist of Bridalveil Fall. Other visitors backpack through the wilderness, ascend the granite peaks of Half Dome and El Capitan, or simply enjoy the beauty of Yosemite's nature and wildlife. It is no wonder that Yosemite, with its spectacular waterfalls, high country lakes, meadows and granite domes, is often referred to as the crown jewel of the national park system.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 120th birthday of Yosemite National Park. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the history and beauty of Yosemite National Park.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING VOL-
UNTEER FIREFIGHTER RYAN
SEITZ

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,
Whereas, Ryan Seitz, a volunteer firefighter in McArthur, Ohio, lost his life while fighting a brush fire,

Whereas, in addition to serving as a volunteer firefighter, Seitz also served as assistant director and technology coordinator for the Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library,

Whereas, Seitz risked his life to help others by working as a firefighter,

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, we remember and honor the life of Ryan Seitz, whose courage was matched only by his selflessness, and whose sacrifice should serve as an example of the highest patriotism and devotion to duty.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATU-
LATING GRANT ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL IN SOUTH CHICAGO
HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker,
Whereas, Grant Elementary School located at 2712 Miller Avenue in School District #170 of Chicago Heights, Illinois opened its doors in 1910.

Whereas, Grant Elementary has provided education to tens of thousands of children from the Chicago Heights/South Chicago Heights community during the past 100 years.

Whereas, Grant Elementary has served a diverse student body, providing an exemplary education for children in kindergarten through eighth grades.

Whereas, On October 19, 2010 current and past students and their families, as well as residents and elected officials of Chicago Heights and South Chicago Heights will celebrate Grant Elementary's Centennial Anniversary.

Resolved, That along with the past and present students, teachers, faculty and friends of Grant Elementary and the residents of the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois, I congratulate Grant Elementary School for providing 100 years of excellence in education to students in Chicago Heights and South Chicago Heights.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL GEAR UP
DAY

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National GEAR UP Day and the outstanding work of thousands of GEAR UP

participants, families and staff. National GEAR UP Day is an opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication of both former and current teachers, counselors, program staff, and students who have been committed to GEAR UP and without whom GEAR UP would not be the success it is today.

This year, I will celebrate national GEAR UP Day with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan at Friendship Charter Academy in Washington, DC and with students in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Texas remotely. Governors in Iowa, New Mexico, Maine, Washington, Colorado and North Carolina have issued proclamations proclaiming GEAR UP Day, as has the Lieutenant Governor of American Samoa. They are joined by the Mayor of Lowell, Massachusetts and a message from New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Nevada has a proclamation and 130 Wisconsin students will be travelling to Eau Claire to celebrate GEAR UP Day. In Richland, South Carolina, students will sign a College Dreams Wall with the name of the college they plan to attend and in Puerto Rico students welcomed a group of law students to serve as mentors.

Twelve years ago, after witnessing far too few students from low-income communities graduate from high school and enter college, I created Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). The program supports cohorts of students from 6th grade into their first year of college by providing essential services such as tutoring, scholarship assistance, college campus tours, counseling services, mentoring, and financial aid awareness. In addition, GEAR UP has created partnerships between postsecondary institutions, community groups, businesses, and parents aimed at increasing support for our students to ensure success not only in high school but college as well. The services and partnerships created by GEAR UP have proven to be a successful educational model that prepares students both academically and emotionally for the rigors of college.

Today, I am pleased to announce that twelve years after GEAR UP was enacted, 12 million students in 49 states have participated in the program. This year alone, GEAR UP is providing vital services to approximately 670,000 students in over 5,000 schools across 46 states, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. GEAR UP has been remarkably successful. In fact, 80% of GEAR UP students have completed high school and approximately half have matriculated into college—a significantly larger proportion than their non-GEAR UP peers. Furthermore, GEAR UP students take more rigorous and advanced courses. For example, half of all GEAR UP students complete Algebra by 9th grade—an important indicator for high school graduation and college matriculation. These results have proven that with essential services, appropriate resources, and high expectations, students from low-income communities can and will graduate from high school ready to pursue postsecondary education.

Finally, I sincerely want to thank all GEAR UP staff and students throughout the country who have made the program an extraordinary success. I look forward to witnessing future GEAR UP accomplishments and continuing to see increasing numbers of low-income students succeeding in high school, entering college ready to succeed!

GUIRAGOS SHEKERDJIAN: A
SURVIVOR'S STORY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to memorialize and record a courageous story of survival of the Armenian Genocide. The Armenian Genocide, perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923, resulted in the death of 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children. As the U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire Henry Morgenthau documented at the time, it was a campaign of "race extermination."

The campaign to annihilate the Armenian people failed, as illustrated by the proud Armenian nation and prosperous diaspora. It is difficult if not impossible to find an Armenian family not touched by the genocide, and while there are some survivors still with us, it is imperative that we record their stories. Through the Armenian Genocide Congressional Record Project, I hope to document the harrowing stories of the survivors in an effort to preserve their accounts and to help educate the Members of Congress now and in the future of the necessity of recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

This is one of those stories (submitted by Angel Shekerdjan):

My father, Guiragos, was born in 1905 in Adana, Turkey. He was 4 years old in 1909, when the massacres started in Adana. Several Armenians took refuge in the church; so did his pregnant mother with her 2-year-old daughter and little Guiragos. The Turks surrounded the church and set it to fire. As the people inside realized what was happening, they started running outside. So did my grandmother, carrying the toddler in her arms and holding my father by the hand. As soon as they were outside, a Turk killed her and the little girl. And he stabbed my father 3 times in the back—two stabs as the sign of the cross and a 3rd stab—all around the spine. A "good-hearted" Turk saw that the Turk who was stabbing was aiming again, stopped him saying: "leave the child, he is already dead." However, instead of leaving him to die, the "good" Turk took him to a hospital. Once he recovered from his wounds, they asked my dad what his name was. He said it was Guiragos. And the last name? He did not know. So they asked what the profession of his father was. My father told them that his father used to make candy, lolipops. . . . So they gave him the name of Shekerdjian, meaning make of sugar. 'Sheker' is 'sugar' in Turkish. He was sent to an orphanage. He eventually ended up in Beirut, where he met my orphaned mother, also from Adana.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARINE
AND HYDROKINETIC RENEWABLE
ENERGY PROMOTION ACT OF 2010

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Promotion Act of 2010, a bill to promote the development of renewable en-

ergy from our oceans and rivers, using the tides, currents, waves and even the thermal properties of our oceans to generate electricity. I also want to acknowledge the work of Chairman BRIAN BAIRD, my friend and Washington state colleague, who joins me in introducing this important legislation.

This bill will bolster research and development in marine renewable energy, to ensure the industry overcomes existing barriers to deployment so that our ocean and tidal currents can deliver power to homes and businesses in American communities. Improved federal research programs are key to meeting our long-term energy security and climate mitigation goals, and creating American jobs in the marine hydrokinetic industry.

A study by University of Washington, Virginia Tech Advanced Research Institute, and Electric Power Research Institute that was published in HydroReview stated that marine renewable resources could yield 51,000 MW of power—equivalent to 34 conventional coal-fired power plants. Yet at this time, our nation's commitment to this technology lags behind countries in Europe and Asia.

In Washington state, the private sector, universities, research institutions and public utilities are already working to bring affordable, reliable and abundant electricity to major urban load centers located near Puget Sound. But these, and similar efforts across the country, need national support in order to truly realize the benefits of commercial-scale marine hydrokinetic projects in the United States.

This bill will expand the renewable energy research and development program at the U.S. Department of Energy, so that Americans do not lose out on the global race to create and manufacture marine renewable energy technologies. To do so, the bill creates a competitive demonstration grant program to test technologies, devices and systems at a variety of scales to facilitate commercial application. The environmental research program established in this bill will also help us best monitor the environmental impacts of these projects, to help disseminate information on ways to identify and avoid any negative environmental impacts to protect our marine environment. Additionally, the bill will expand a Department of Energy research program to set up MHK test facilities in the United States, which are critical in our efforts to demonstrate a wide range of technologies, and evaluate the technical viability of each new and emerging type of technology at different scales.

In closing, I also want to thank the expert staff on the Science and Technology Subcommittee on Energy and Environment for their extensive knowledge of this issue and hard work. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill, and hope that we can work together to move it towards passage as soon as possible.

IN HONOR OF MARGARET WONG,
RECIPIENT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL
"SALUTING THE DREAMER" AWARD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Margaret Wong, internation-

ally known immigration attorney from Cleveland, Ohio, as she is honored by the Cleveland Public Library as the first recipient of the "Saluting the Dreamers" Award.

As a young woman, Ms. Wong settled in Cleveland, Ohio, journeying here from her Chinese homeland. She studied in Cleveland and eventually became a practicing attorney. For more than twenty-five years, Ms. Wong has developed Margaret W. Wong and Associates, LPA, into a law firm known throughout the United States and the world for its expertise in immigration law. Currently, she co-chairs the Immigration Law Committee for the National Asian Pacific Bar Association, and she is chair of the Cleveland Bar Association's Immigration Law Section.

Ms. Wong has been recognized with numerous awards and honors, including Cleveland Magazine's "Most Interesting People" award and the 1997 Creative Philanthropy Award from the Women's Community Foundation. Ms. Wong was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 2000.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Ms. Margaret W. Wong of Margaret W. Wong and Associates, LLP, upon being named the first recipient of the "Salute the Dreamers" Award presented by the Cleveland Public Library. Ms. Wong's great success as attorney and business owner continues to inspire us to follow our dreams, and to achieve our dreams.

COMMENDING EYECARE AMERICA

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1226, recognizing the 25th anniversary of EyeCare America, the public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Founded in 1985, EyeCare America's mission is to reduce avoidable blindness and severe visual impairment by raising awareness about eye disease and care, providing free health education materials and facilitating access to medical eye care.

EyeCare America has programs for seniors, glaucoma, diabetes and children.

In 2010, EyeCare America celebrates its 25th anniversary and across our nation, nearly 7,000 ophthalmologists volunteer their services to this worthwhile public service program.

Approximately, 35 million Americans experience an age-related eye disease, including age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and cataracts, with this number expected to grow to 50 million by 2020.

Vision impairment and eye disease is a major public health issue, especially as 2010 begins the decade in which more than half of the 78 million Baby Boomers will turn 65 and be at greatest risk for aging eye disease.

EyeCare America works to ensure that eye health is not neglected, by matching eligible patients with one of nearly 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists across the country committed to preventing unnecessary blindness in their communities.

These volunteer ophthalmologists will provide them with a medical eye exam and up to one year of care at no out-of-pocket cost. Seniors without insurance receive this care at no charge.

EyeCare America has helped over 1 million people since its inception and is one of the largest public service programs of its kind in American medicine today.

I'd like to thank Rep. WHITFIELD, Chairman PALLONE, Chairman WAXMAN, and Ranking Member BARTON for their support and assistance in moving this bipartisan resolution.

CALLING ON JAPAN TO ADDRESS CHILD ABDUCTION CASES

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, the resolution before us this week addresses a painful issue: the problem of international parental child abduction. Over the last several years, I've gained a greater understanding of this problem through the travails of one of my constituents, Mr. David Goldman of Tinton Falls, New Jersey. As the case involving his son, Sean, has received international media attention, I will not revisit all of the details of that case now. Suffice it to say that even with a treaty on his side—the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction—Mr. Goldman needed my help and that of our State Department, along with countless other generous Americans, to finally secure the return of his son in December 2009. Their 5½ year separation and the legal maneuvering surrounding the case helped focus the world's attention on the problem of international parental child abduction, but unfortunately, the overall problem remains.

Over the last decade alone, thousands of American children have been kidnapped by a foreign-born parent and taken to other countries, where the American-born parents inevitably face a years-long process of trying to recover their children. In the case of Japan—which is not a signatory to the Hague Convention—it has proven literally impossible for American parents to recover their parentally-kidnapped children. The resolution before us calls upon the government of Japan to facilitate the resolution of all such abduction cases, and to ratify the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Nearly a year ago, the members of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission received testimony from parents whose children had been parentally kidnapped to Japan. Each story was heartbreaking, and the frustration and sense of despair of the affected parents was palpable. H. Res. 1326 will send a clear message to the government of Japan that the Congress remains seized of this issue, and it will also remind the affected parents that we stand with them and that we know we have much more work to do on behalf of their abducted children. I'm proud to be a co-sponsor of this measure, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, this morning, September 29, 2010, I was unavoidably delayed and not present to vote on the following bills:

(1) Republican Motion to Adjourn—Vote “no” on rollcall No. 545.

(2) Adjournment Resolution (H. Con. Res. 321)—To provide for the House to adjourn for the Autumn District Work Period—Vote “yes” on rollcall No. 546.

(3) Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 847—James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act; H.R. 2378—Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act; and H.R. 2701—Intelligence Authorization Act (H. Res. 1674)—Vote “yes” on rollcall No. 547.

(4) H. Res. 1674—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 847—James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act; H.R. 2378—Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act; and H.R. 2701—Intelligence Authorization Act—Vote “yes” on rollcall No. 548.

If present, I would have voted “aye” on all except the motion to adjourn.

HONORING EXACTECH'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Exactech's 25th anniversary. I also want to recognize Exactech for being a leader in the business community and for its commitment to improving the lives of individuals by helping them to maintain their activity and independence.

Exactech develops, manufactures and distributes orthopedic implants, related surgical instrumentation and biologic services to hospitals and physicians for use in the repair of bone and joints that have been damaged due to injury or disease, such as arthritis.

Today, more than 46 million Americans are living with some type of arthritis. For a quarter of a century, orthopedic surgeons have counted on Exactech, for innovations that allow them to make their patients more mobile.

With its headquarters in Gainesville, Florida, in my congressional district, Exactech is one of Florida's fastest-growing companies with more than 500 employees and distributing products throughout the U.S. and in more than 35 countries around the world. Its products meet the most stringent quality requirements and have demonstrated excellent long-term clinical results.

Exactech attributes its success to a strong corporate culture, where the values of integrity, compassion, teamwork, excellence and innovation guide each employee's daily decisions. After 25 years of company development, the dedication to patient quality care remains unchanged.

Please join me in honoring Exactech on their silver anniversary and hoping for another 25 strong years.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE HELP- ING TO EXTEND CHINESE INFLU- ENCE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the use of U.S. taxpayer financed foreign aid to expand Chinese influence around the world.

It recently came to my attention that the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) has awarded Chinese state-owned enterprises millions of dollars in contracts to build roads, construct schools, and erect airports in countries with MCC compacts. On June 30, Reuters reported that “China's Sinohydro Corporations signed a contract with Mali to build a new airport for the capital, Bamako, a \$71.6 million project” financed by the MCC. This is not an isolated incident.

China's Sinohydro Corporation was also awarded a contract for construction work in Tanzania. Furthermore, according to news reports, on September 9 and 10 the MCC signed contracts with a Chinese state-owned construction company to renovate and expand 13 schools in Namibia. Thousands of dollars have been awarded to Chinese state-owned enterprises in Ghana for infrastructure construction. The list goes on.

According to the Treasury Department, China now holds \$846.7 billion in U.S. debt making China our largest banker. At a time of economic hardship at home, the United States should not be giving U.S. taxpayer dollars to China through foreign assistance.

Furthermore, the U.S. should not be subsidizing countries with abysmal human rights records. The State Department's 2009 Human Rights Report states that the Chinese “government's human rights record remained poor and worsened in some areas” during the reporting period. The report goes on to cite violations including the severe cultural and religious repression of ethnic minorities, the detention and harassment of human rights activists, extrajudicial killings and the use of forced labor.

China perpetrates gross human rights abuses outside of its borders as well. In 2008, the international non-governmental organization, Human Rights First, found that China sold over \$55 million worth of small arms to the genocidal regime of Omar al-Bashir in Sudan. According to the U.S. Campaign for Burma, China is one of the largest arms suppliers to the brutal Burmese military regime which has been implicated in gross human rights violations including murder, rape and the use of child soldiers.

Today, I sent a letter to the inspector general of the Millennium Challenge Corporation asking that he open an investigation into the extent to which Chinese state-owned enterprises have been involved in receiving grant awards through the MCC and determine if such actions are in violation of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003. I look forward to the inspector general's report and will continue to monitor this issue closely.

HORIPSEMA "HELEN" MENESHIAN: A SURVIVOR'S STORY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

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This is one of those stories (submitted by Shirley Collins):

My name is Shirley Kalashian-Collins. I was born in 1951 to Armenian parents. My mother was born in Aintab, Turkey, in 1920 in the midst of the genocide of Armenians. My mother and my grandparents narrowly made it out alive and found refuge in the U.S. My paternal grandmother also had a harrowing story. Due to the threat against the Armenians she was shipped to the U.S. at 15 years old to marry an Armenian, only to find out a few years later that her parents were killed and her younger sisters kidnapped. My mother tried hard to put all these stories down on paper so the world would know what happened to our families. After she passed away, I attempted to finish her project. After nearly 10 years and hundreds of hours of work, I put the story together.

Now I want to thank our Rep. Adam Schiff for his efforts to put these stories that are left untold in the Congressional Record. I know my mother, if she were alive, would be dancing up and down with joy. You can't imagine how exciting this is for me after all the years of work to make sure these stories are kept alive and heard so that history will be recorded accurately. Thank you Rep. Schiff. This is such a wonderful and amazing idea.

This is the story of my Grandmother, Horipsema "Helen" Meneshian, as told by my mother, Azadohi Kalashian:

My mother was a remarkable woman. She was born in Aintab in 1895. She was the only daughter of five children born to Soghmon and Khanoom Meneshian.

In 1914 she married Armen Guleserian. They had a big and fashionable wedding party that lasted for three days. Their first child was a beautiful and bright little girl who gave them much joy. This child was not quite two years old when the Turkish government sent orders to have the Turkish army go around and evacuate everyone in Aintab from their homes.

Only whatever could be placed on a donkey's back was allowed to be removed from the house. Then the Turkish soldiers sealed

all the doors, windows and locks of our house. We were all ordered to march in the direction of the Syrian Desert.

My mother's trousseau of finest lace, satin and silk was not meant to be enjoyed by her. One by one, each article was sold for the price of something to eat. Her gold coins, chains and rings also went the same way. Eventually, hunger became unbearable, and death took its grim toll. One by one, God called their first born, then their second born, then their third born to be by HIS side. They were never to feel hunger again!

Armen had been sent off to the military and Hripsema had been left alone in Damascus. She tried to reach her father but they would not let her travel because she was Armenian. So, she found someone to travel with to go to Hama where her relative, Kevork, was. In an interview with daughter, Azad, in 1979 she says:

Everybody got off when we were near Hama. I was the only one left. They gave me to a woman who had donkeys and this woman took me to Hama on a donkey. We had nothing. I had the child in my arms and the child's necessities tied on my back. We came by a cemetery and the woman said, "I will not go in here." She took me off of the donkey. She said, "I will be afraid to be in a cemetery. You do whatever you will."

I went in by myself, I found a shop. I asked the man in the shop, "There is the Baronyan family living here, do you know them?" He said, "Yes, they went to Aleppo." I said, "There is Kevork Guleserian here." He said, "Yes, they are here but their place is very far." Then they locked the door.

The child wanted some water, I gave him some water and I went and sat by the store. And it got dark, it was evening. Then I saw my father-in-law's grandson, he later said that he would never walk the way I was sitting at, he would always go the other way. I lifted my head and saw him. I was looking for them. He got very surprised and asked what happened and I told him everything. He took me, the child was in my arms, he took the load I was carrying and took me to their home.

He knocked on the door; they opened the door, a month, or a month and a half. Papa's brother's wife was there. She was Guleserian as well. In about a month the child who was in my arms died. I was devastated. Then papa came and asked, "Where is the boy?" I said, "May your soul live, you'll have another one." He was such a nice boy. They had asked to have him, "Give him to us, we'll raise him up" in Damascus. I would not. How can you give your own child?

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,472,761,083,757.88.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,834,335,337,464.00 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS' ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, since July, I have been working with 26 Oregon National Guard members who have filed a lawsuit against the defense contractor KBR for exposing them to the potent carcinogen, hexavalent chromium. These veterans have a compelling case for contractor negligence that resulted in their poisoning.

As the legal proceedings have unfolded, KBR has revealed the existence of a still-classified contract clause that could shift the cost of all damages and court fees onto the Department of Defense—and by extension the U.S. taxpayers.

Today I am introducing legislation, along with Representative SCHRADER, who has been a strong ally to these veterans, and Representative WALTER JONES, a leader on the House Armed Services Committee, to end the contracting practices that shield companies from their own reckless behavior and that remove incentives for contractors to operate responsibly.

This legislation will set important and long-overdue limits to indemnification agreements and will introduce much-needed congressional oversight of the defense contracting process.

Senators WYDEN and MERKLEY are introducing a version of this bill in the Senate, and I hope that our colleagues on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers will act swiftly to enact this legislation before the end of the session.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANCIS J. CURTIS

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Francis J. Curtis as he relinquishes command of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Lt. Col. Curtis assumed command of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion in October 2007. He has served in key positions as a U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) officer, with a special focus on the conflict in Iraq. Under Lt. Col. Curtis's command, his battalion was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from late 2007 through late 2008. Prior to his deployment with the 432nd, he also served in Iraq from March 2003 through April 2004.

During his 24 years of exceptional service to this country in the United States Army Reserve, Lt. Col. Curtis has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (31st Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve

Medal w/M Device, Br. Hourglass, Roman Numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

Lt. Col Curtis will turn over his command to Lt. Col. William A. Vaughn of the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion in Greensboro, North Carolina on October 2, 2010 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Madam Speaker, I honor Lieutenant Colonel Curtis for his service to our country and the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion and I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting a truly extraordinary member of our community.

U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE FUGITIVE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the recent success of the United States Marshals Service Fugitive Safe Surrender Program in my home of Northeast Ohio. From September 22 through 25, 2010, 7,431 fugitives surrendered and took advantage of the Fugitive Safe Surrender program held at Mt. Zion Church in Oakwood Village, Ohio. This set a new national record for fugitive surrenders in the program. Nearly 500 wanted felons, including individuals wanted on federal and out-of-state warrants all peacefully surrendered during the four-day program, representing over 12,000 outstanding warrants.

Law enforcement, judiciary at the municipal, state and federal level, Pastor Larry L. Macon Sr. of Mt. Zion, and over 40 partnering organizations joined together to offer those with outstanding warrants the ability to peacefully surrender within the safe environment of Mt. Zion Church. This program could not have succeeded without their extraordinary commitment of time and resources.

As you know, Fugitive Safe Surrender is administered by the Marshals Service in states with a particularly high volume of fugitive warrants, such as Ohio. The goal of Fugitive Safe Surrender is to reduce risks to police officers in pursuit of fugitives, neighborhoods where felons often hide, and possible injury to the fugitives themselves. Authorized by Congress in July 2006 and signed into law in 2007, it is believed to be the first program of its kind in the Nation. I am very proud that this program was created in 2005 by my friend, U.S. Marshal Peter Elliott in the Northern District of Ohio.

After Cleveland Police Officer Wayne Leon was shot and killed by a wanted fugitive, Marshal Elliott recognized the need for more safety in capturing felons and those persons wanted on outstanding warrants. Marshal Elliott found this creative approach to reduce violence between fugitives and law enforcement. The first year Marshal Elliott launched the program in Cleveland, 850 fugitives peacefully surrendered.

Building on this innovative program, Marshal Elliott later helped lead the program in 10 cities and was urged by mayors nationwide to imple-

ment the program in their communities. Since then, 30,000 wanted individuals have surrendered through the program in 18 cities across our nation in the past five years.

Fugitive Safe Surrender is a success. In addition to violent fugitives, thousands of individuals wanted for non-violent felony or misdemeanor crimes have also felt comfortable in voluntarily surrendering in faith-based or other neutral settings established by the program.

AHMADINEJAD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, some things do not need to be elaborated on. Rudy Giuliani, a great American, recently spoke at a rally in New York City where 20,000 people showed up to protest the dictator Ahmadinejad and his corrupt regime. Ahmadinejad was in town to spew more of his hateful ideology. This time, he interlaced his anti-Semitic rhetoric with conspiracy theories on 9/11. This man does not speak for the Iranian people, who only want freedom to live their lives without the shackles of a regime bent on preserving its power at all costs. The courageous opposition group MEK, who organized the rally, is fighting for this very freedom. The State Department has got them wrong—they are not a terrorist organization and should not be listed as one. Mayor Giuliani agreed with me and I'd like to submit his comments for the record.

God bless you and thank you very much for being here. I come here today for a very simple reason, to stand with you in support of the basic rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and also the basic rights guaranteed by the preamble to the United Nations Charter. We need to remind the United Nations of what it stands for. According to the preamble of the United Nations, it exists to reaffirm faith in fundamental rights in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small.

The people of Iran are as entitled as all of us to make a claim on the nations of the United Nations to reaffirm these goals for them; and that is what you are here to do.

For too long the world has acquiesced in a regime in Iran that through mass murder, violence and intimidation has denied basic rights of your brothers and sisters and friends and relatives and has been a consistent supporter of terrorism and of terrorist organizations beyond its borders.

All of you are here today to cry out for the world to stand with you and your brothers and sisters who are oppressed by the brutal regime in Iran.

They desire freedom! I desire freedom! We all desire freedom! No one can deny you your desire for freedom! I believe that desire is placed in your heart and soul by the Creator! It comes from above. Not from here, not from below, but from above. It is a basic human desire that the people of Iran are entitled to and it is a basic human desire that all good people should support.

And if this institution that stands behind us, the United Nations, wants to reclaim its lofty goal of protecting human rights; which is a goal that has alluded it for many many years, then it must stand with you against the regime in Iran, against the brutalization that goes on in Iran, and against the supporting of terrorism.

And it is time here in America to right a wrong that has been done to you and your cause out of a misguided notion that the violent and tyrannical regime of Iran could be mollified. It is about time that we change the listing of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran as a terrorist organization.

I've studied terrorism for much longer that I'd like to admit. For over 35 years. I have investigated terrorism, and I've seen firsthand, in my city, the devastation that terrorism can bring about.

This is not a terrorist organization. This is an organization dedicated to achieving freedom and dignity for its people.

It is time for the rest of our Congress to join 823 members—Democrats and Republicans—who have supported House Resolution 1431 which calls for the lifting of this unjust, unfair and inaccurate designation. It has been lifted by the British government; it has been lifted by the European Union; it should be lifted by the United States Congress and President Obama should support it as a defender of freedom.

Just as this great country of America is described as the last best hope for humanity, you and your cause are truly the best hope for Iran.

Your quest is as legitimate as solidarity was for Poland.

And it took lovers of freedom and leaders of historical consequence like Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher and Pope John Paul, to stand with Solidarity no matter the consequences.

Your goals are our goals, they are the goals of a decent people; you want to guarantee equal rights for men and women; you want to see freedom of religion and speech and press; freedom of assembly in Iran, you want Iran that does not threaten the existence of other nations; and you want an Iran that is under no circumstances a nuclear power.

It is your members and associates who have consistently drawn open the secret curtain that Iran tries to draw on its plans to develop nuclear weapons.

It is your members who have risked their lives and lost their lives revealing the plans and steps of Ahmadinejad and the regime to acquire nuclear weapons.

Without your brave investigations and revelations, America and the world would still be laboring under the inaccurate information that was contained in the National Intelligence Estimate of 2007 that said Iran had appeared to abandon its plans to build nuclear weapons. Your members, your associates, revealed that to be incorrect, inaccurate, and dangerously wrong.

If the history of the 20th century has taught us anything, it is that we must confront tyrants, oppressors, bullies and terrorists as early as possible.

Acquiescence only leads to increasing loss of human life and human liberty.

For too long the world has stood still as the people of Iran, particularly those of you desiring freedom, have been oppressed, imprisoned and slaughtered by a regime that has no right to exist.

It's time to make common cause with you in your noble quest.

It is a risk that is worth taking.

It is a cause that is worth the risk.

If the forebears of this country didn't take the risk for freedom, then this great nation would not exist.

Your people, the people of Iran, are willing to fight for freedom; you are willing to speak out against horrible atrocities to human dignity. And when they do, this country, America, should strongly stand with them, and speak out for them.

No more silence! Where is our Ronald Reagan when we need him? Ronald Reagan

would have stood with the people of Iran, strongly, bravely, and forthrightly. When they sought to protest the inaccuracies and illegitimacy of the elections in Iran, Ronald Reagan would have America standing with them toe to toe, body to body and person to person, as he did with Solidarity. Where is our Ronald Reagan when we need him?

One of the most monumental celebrations of freedom was on Christmas Day, 1989 in Berlin.

It was in the city of Berlin that seven years earlier Ronald Reagan standing by the wall that then divided the free from the oppressed and stood in front of that wall and he was not afraid to stand up and said, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

Now, in our time, we need a Ronald Reagan to cry out to the oppressors of your people to tear down the wall of tyranny, tear down the wall of oppression, tear down the wall of terrorism, and of slaughter.

On that Christmas Day of 1989 in Berlin the wall had been torn down because brave people like Ronald Reagan and many others were willing to stand with protesters and the oppressed in those communist countries. They weren't afraid to speak out and they weren't afraid to confront. Leonard Bernstein conducted a performance of Beethoven's ninth symphony that day and he called it a "celebration of human freedom." I hope and I pray that you and I will go to Iran together; I hope we can have a celebration of freedom for the people of Iran because a celebration of freedom for Iran will be the celebration of freedom for all of us.

But that day is not going to come about by begging Ahmadinejad to negotiate. It is not going to come about from weakness. Bullies thrive from weakness. Tyrants are encouraged by weakness. They know only one thing: Strength. They must be confronted with America's strength, not America's weakness. America, the world, all of us must make it plain that under no set of circumstances will Ahmadinejad be allowed to have nuclear weapons. That is not negotiable. No discussion. No argument. No debate.

No! No! No, to nuclear weapons!

And instead, I say Yes to freedom, Yes to democracy, Yes to a free press, Yes to freedom for women, Yes to human dignity for Iran and for all of us.

God bless you in your noble pursuit! I stand with you and all freedom loving people stand with you. God bless you.

A GENOCIDE SURVIVOR STORY:
KEVORK "GEORGE" HAKALMAZIAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

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perative that we record their stories. Through the Armenian Genocide Congressional Record Project, I hope to document the harrowing stories of the survivors in an effort to preserve their accounts and to help educate the Members of Congress now and in the future of the necessity of recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

This is one of those stories (story submitted by Scott Tejerian):

My grandfather, Kevork "George" Hakalmazian, lost his family in the genocide somewhere around age seven. His father was forced to give my grandpa's sister in marriage to the Turkish mayor of their town, Peri. My grandpa never saw his sister again. Shortly after, when my Grandpa's father, Sarkis, was reading the Bible one afternoon in front of their house, Turkish soldiers took him and my grandpa's mother, Oghapar, away. My grandfather never saw them again. My grandpa and the other children of the village, including his older brother Hagop, were rounded up by the soldiers and taken to the nearby river. At the river they were separated by size. My grandpa's nephew, the son of his eldest brother who was already living in the USA, was separated in the group of smaller children away from my grandpa and his brother, Hagop. The smaller children were thrown into the river to drown, except my grandpa's nephew knew how to swim. When the Turkish soldiers saw him swimming, they shot him dead in the water. For the next few years, my grandpa and Hagop were forced to work for a Turkish farm owner. They were his slaves. Eventually, my grandpa and Hagop were rescued by an older cousin, Marderos, who helped them escape to an orphanage in Lebanon. It was there that their eldest brother, Martin, who was living in Chicago at the time, found them and sent for them to come to America. My grandfather arrived in Ellis Island on July 4, 1923. He didn't know his birthday, so for every year after that his birthday was July 4th.

CALLING ON JAPAN TO ADDRESS CHILD ABDUCTION CASES

SPEECH OF

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1326. It is time to reunite the families torn apart by the abduction and retention of American children in Japan.

In Tennessee, we have personally been affected by this issue. Sadly I have constituents that await the passage of this resolution with high hopes and are eager to see their children returned home.

Without an agreement on international child abduction between the U.S. and Japan, many children are left in limbo between feuding parents. Custodial arrangements are created to provide the optimal environment for children after a divorce. When foreign countries choose to not recognize these agreements, they are harming the well being of the children.

The best and most immediate solution to this issue is for Japan to adopt the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. This agreement protects the rights of both parents while ensuring the health and safety of the children.

A TRIBUTE TO ALVIN G. DAVIS

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Alvin G. Davis for being named to the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Alvin is one of 16 honorees from around the country selected to receive this prestigious honor in 2010. Alvin will be the first 4-H Club member from Texas to join the Hall of Fame.

A Post, TX native, Alvin started in the 4-H program in 1939. In 1948, he was the top 4-H boy and National 4-H Leadership Award winner. Alvin has also served as president of the 4-H club at the local, county, district and college levels.

Alvin received a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from Texas Tech in 1952. While at the university, he was president of the Texas Tech 4-H Club and Texas Tech Rodeo Association. In 1950, he became the director of the first National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Alvin was also the first inductee into the Texas Tech Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Along with his commitment to 4-H, Alvin has become a renowned rodeo announcer, poet, writer, and western artist. Several of his sculptures can be found in the collections of presidents, governors, and celebrities. Alvin founded the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration and has written children's books, poetry books, and a rodeo periodical. In 2002, he was inducted into the National Cowboy Song and Poetry Hall of Fame.

I am enormously appreciative to Alvin for his hard work and for his contributions to promoting cowboy culture. On behalf of the 19th Congressional District, including myself, I thank Alvin for all of his time and effort to preserve the values, honor, and respect of the American Cowboy and congratulate him on joining the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR.
SAM WOLF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and significant regional contributions of Mr. Sam Wolf.

Sam Wolf, a resident of Granite City, Illinois, served 18 years in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1974 until he retired in 1992. Among his more notable accomplishments during his time in the General Assembly was legislation establishing community college voting sub-districts. This was important to ensure equitable representation of the different geographic areas covered by a community college district.

Sam Wolf has been a strong proponent of Southwestern Illinois College and was a driving force in the establishment of the college's Granite City Campus in 1984. Sam worked to secure funding for the Industrial Technology Center at the Granite City Campus and the development of the Automotive Collision Repair Technology program there. Sam has been

a member of the Southwestern Illinois College Board of Trustees since October 1995.

In recognition of Sam's tireless efforts to expand and improve Southwestern Illinois College, the Granite City Campus is named the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus. This is a fitting tribute for a man who has done so much to provide quality educational opportunities for current and future generations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Sam Wolf for his many contributions to the Southwestern Illinois region and to wish him the very best in the future.

CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH AWARENESS WEEK, SEPTEMBER 19-25

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring your attention to the first Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) Awareness Week, September 19-25, 2010. This week-long event is coordinated by the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA), and its members have been working towards educating Americans about the disease.

Discovered in the late 1800s by physicians Jean-Martin Charcot, Pierre Marie and Howard Henry Tooth, CMT is a slowly progressive disease which attacks the nerves that control sensory information and muscle function of the feet, legs and arms. Although CMT is not life-threatening, it can cause severe disabilities, and patients may lose feeling in their legs and arms.

CMT is one of the most commonly inherited neurological disorders of our time. It affects nearly 2.6 million people worldwide, without regards to ethnicity or gender. One in every 2,500 Americans has CMT, and in the Tampa, St. Petersburg area alone, more than 300 people have been diagnosed.

To date, there is no cure for CMT, but groups like CMTA are working diligently with scientists from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to find a solution, and they are hopeful that a cure will be found in the coming future. The CMTA was founded in 1983 to generate the resources to find a cure, to create awareness and to improve the quality of life for those living with CMT. CMTA believes that before there can be a world without CMT the world has to be aware of CMT.

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia held activities this week to raise awareness of CMT. In my hometown of Tampa Bay, CMTA members distributed informational pamphlets to students at Eckerd College and to families at local post offices and libraries.

Madam Speaker, raising awareness about CMT through CMT Awareness Week will help to educate communities about this disease and help to find a cure for this disorder.

RECORD NUMBER OF AMERICANS DISTRUST THE MEDIA

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, more Americans than ever distrust the mass media, according to a new Gallup public opinion poll.

Just 12 percent say they have "a great deal" of confidence in the media to report the news "fully, accurately, and fairly."

A majority have little or no confidence in the media.

And by a margin of more than 3 to 1, Americans say the media are too liberal rather than too conservative, tying the highest mark of this decade.

Americans have good reason to be skeptical of the media. They repeatedly promote a liberal agenda and give the Obama Administration and Congressional Democrats a free pass.

If the national media want to restore the public's trust, they should give Americans the facts, not tell them what to think.

BEDROS VARTAN YESSAIAN: A SURVIVOR'S STORY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

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This is one of those stories: (translated by the son and daughter of Bedros Vartan Yessaian—Hovhannes Yessaian and Dench Bedros Yessaian, respectively—a survivor of the Armenian Genocide.)

This is the true story in every detail that has been told to me and my sister by my father.—Hovhannes Yessaian.

BEDROS VARTAN YESSAIAN: A SURVIVOR'S STORY

My name is Bedros Vartan Yessaian. I was born in 1904 in a village called (Kinjilar), which is not far from Izmit and Istanbul, and had about 2,500 inhabitants, most of which were Armenians. My father is Vartan and my mother is Denchali. We were four brothers,

Antranig (born 1889), Ohannes (born 1901) Bedros (born 1904) and Jirair (born 1907). My mother had two brothers, Minas and Hagop.

It was in the summer of 1915 that the Ottoman government gave orders that all Armenian males aged 18-45 go to the military service, while the rest of the family was to be deported. My father went to the military but actually was working as a day laborer cutting stones to pave roads.

So I accompanied my mother and two brothers, Antranig and Jirair, in deportation. My other brother, Ohannes, and two uncles were at that time in Istanbul and escaped deportation. In few days time we gathered what we could carry and took the train to a city called Konya. From there we walked all the way to Derzor, sometimes hiring horse or oxen driven carts, if we could find one.

Later we learned a pregnant woman of our village had childbirth at the departure time and was obliged to throw her newborn child into the nearby Sakaria River. She was the young wife of Janig Belalian.

On our way we came across Armenian soldiers working as stone cutters and paving the road for the Berlin Baghdad railway project. My father was one of them, and was able to escape his group and joined us in the death march.

Somehow we managed our way until Aleppo in Syria. On the way many died of starvation, thirst and hunger besides the cruel treatment of the police and gendarmes. After that the march was horrible in the desert, especially for who live in colder climate.

Although the Euphrates River was nearby, we were forced to march far from it, as some would die of thirst and exhaustion. Sometimes we march in endless circles ending in the afternoon at same place we started in the morning.

We marched on foot from Aleppo to Meskena, Rakka Derzor and Shaddadiya. My younger brother, Jirair, died of starvation and hunger. We continued our march without knowing our final destination. On a rainy day and still under the tents, my father asked my brother, Antranig, to buy a cup of tea from the street vendor. My brother said he has no money. Father pulled the bed sheet over his head and few hours later we found him dead.

Few weeks later my mother died. Neighbors came consoling me and wishing them a peaceful death. In the morning the collector came and took her body. All who had died were stripped of their clothes and their bare bodies were thrown into a large ditch.

The more we marched the more the police and gendarmes grew cruel. They beat, tortured, raped and killed innocent and unarmed people. In a neighboring caravan two young beautiful girls threw themselves into the Euphrates River preferring death to rape. Raping became more regular and even pregnant women were not spared. The gendarmes gambled on the gender of the unborn child by cutting the woman's abdomen by sword letting the woman die in her blood.

The Arab Nomads who live in the Syrian Desert used to come to our tents asking us to live with them instead of sure death. Thousands of Armenians were thus saved. I saw no hope and informed my brother that I was going to live with the Arabs. My brother stayed with the caravan and later I learned that he reached Mosul city in Iraq.

With Arab nomads I stayed for two years and my Arab (parents) treated me as if their own biological son. The Arab Sheikhs (head of a tribe) even refused the invitation of the Turkish authorities to participate in killing the Armenians and keep any looted property.

They treated all the saved children and women with respect and dignity. While with the Arabs, I saw Turks forcing the Armenians to collect dry bushes and thorns and

later pushed them into a cave. then they burned the bushes and all inside the cave died of burns or choked to death.

Later I left my Arab parents and fled to Istanbul where my two uncles and brother Ohannes lived. After the armistice I returned to my village with my brother Ohannes and Uncle Hagop.

However in 1922, Kemal Ataturk forces invaded the western part of Turkey burning villages and killing the Christians. My uncle Hagop and brother Ohannes were killed and the entire village of Kinjilar was burnt to ashes. I fled the massacre to Istanbul and from there to Greece with my uncle Minas who later emigrated to Armenia.

After learning that my brother was in Baghdad I traveled to Baghdad and formed a family. My wife Serpoochi was also a genocide survivor, originally from Bilejik, a nearby village to Kinjilar.

—Bedros Vartan Yessaian

HONORING NED AND MARY ANN ABRAHAMSEN ON RECEIVING THE ATTORNEY ROBERT W. MUNLEY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM LACKAWANNA PRO BONO

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Ned and Mary Ann Abrahamson on receiving the Attorney Robert W. Munley Distinguished Service Award from Lackawanna Pro Bono.

Lackawanna Pro Bono is a non-profit organization established in 1997 to increase the availability of free legal representation for low-income individuals and families throughout Lackawanna County.

Over the past thirteen years they have organized local attorneys to volunteer their time to provide representation in over 2,000 cases, and in the process have helped nearly 5,000 residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Lackawanna Pro Bono will host its second annual Fundraising Gala on October 21, 2010 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. For the second year, Lackawanna Pro Bono will honor a select number of individuals and organizations who have demonstrated excellent service to the community with its Attorney Robert W. Munley Distinguished Service Award.

This year's group of deserving recipients includes Mr. and Mrs. Ned and Mary Ann Abrahamson of Scranton.

Edwin "Ned" Abrahamson was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1951. He graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in 1973, and received his Juris Doctorate from the Dickinson School of Law in 1976.

Mary Ann Conaboy Abrahamson was born in Scranton in 1951. She graduated from Marywood College in 1973 before also receiving her Juris Doctorate from Dickinson School of Law in 1976.

Together, they are partners at Abrahamson, Conaboy & Abrahamson in Scranton. Mr. Abrahamson specializes in personal injury cases, while Mary Ann specializes in family law, particularly in the areas of real estate, wills trusts and estates, and divorce. Their firm

has received the Equal Access to Justice Award from the Lackawanna Bar Association and Lackawanna Pro Bono, as well as the Pro Bono Award from their Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Throughout their professional careers, Mr. and Mrs. Abrahamson have continuously donated their time and efforts throughout the community.

Mr. Abrahamson has served as Solicitor of the Scranton School District and School Building Authority and the Old Forge School District, and currently serves as Solicitor of Blakely Borough. He is also Chairman of the Financial Committee of St. Joseph's Church in Scranton.

Mrs. Abrahamson has served as President of the Parents Club at Scranton Preparatory School, Chairman of the Board at Scranton Prep, President of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Poor, and as Secretary of the Lackawanna Bar Association.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Abrahamson. Together they have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to community service in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. FRED HARRSCH

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Mr. Fred Harrsch for his dedication in upholding the great tradition of the Green Bay Packers fence along Lombardi Avenue in the shadow of Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Mr. Harrsch inherited the Packer tradition 6 years ago when he took ownership of the fence which creates a unique sense of pride and camaraderie among fans. As friends, family, and visitors gather this football season to pay tribute to his hard work and contributions, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding individual.

Hundreds of thousands of fans pass by the city landmark on their pilgrimage to Lambeau Field, which dons a new coat of paint and a fresh slogan at the start of every season. This season, Mr. Harrsch has chosen the slogan, "In Coach McCarthy We Trust", in honor of the Packers head coach. In addition to more than 100 volunteers who turned out to help Mr. Harrsch paint the fence this year, two special guests came to take part—Packers President and CEO Mark Murphy, and the fence's original owner, Steve Kraft. This marks the 26th year of the fence-painting tradition.

Madam Speaker, as Fred Harrsch celebrates another year of a great Green Bay tradition, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting a truly extraordinary member of our community.

HONORING PANG GE MOUA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Major Pang Ge Moua

for his dedication and service to his country and his community. Major Moua passed away at the age of 81 on August 8th, 2010 in Fresno, California. A service honoring his life will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 in Fresno.

Major Moua was born on October 20th, 1928, in Ban Nong Het, Xiengkhouang province, Kingdom of Laos, 1928. In 1948, he completed grade 3 in the Lao elementary school in the same village where he was born. In 1963, Mr. Moua was recruited to train as a walking fighter, also known as an infantry man. After completing the training, he was placed in the 1st Company, 201st Battalion, Special Guerrilla Units where he served in southeast Asia and Laos during the Vietnam Conflict. Mr. Moua served in this unit through May 1975. During his time with the military, Mr. Moua participated in a number of missions for the United States and the Kingdom of Laos. For his outstanding service, Mr. Moua was promoted to the rank of Major. After the United States withdrew its troops and support from Indochina, Mr. Moua fled to Thailand and eventually moved on to the United States, where he settled on June 21, 1989.

Major Moua received a number of citations and awards for his service in southeast Asia including the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Veteran's Medal, the Vietnam Veteran's National Medal and the Lao Veterans of America National Medal.

Upon moving to the United States, Major Moua became active in community affairs. In 1991, he became a member of the Lao Veterans of America, Inc. The Lao Veterans of America, Inc. represents veterans who served the United States honorably during the Vietnam War. It is the largest organization of its kind in the U.S. and includes thousands of Hmong and Lao veterans and their families. Major Moua was elected to serve in a leadership role in the Lao Veterans of America Fresno Sub-Chapter in 2002. He has also attended Lao Veterans of America events in Washington, D.C. many times over the past few years.

Major Moua will be remembered for all that he has sacrificed and for all that he has achieved. He is survived by his wife, Kao Kim Lee, and their 7 children.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Major Pang Ge Moua for his dedication to his family, his country and his community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

CALLING ON JAPAN TO ADDRESS CHILD ABDUCTION CASES

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1326, a resolution calling on the Government of Japan to immediately address the growing problem of American children abducted to Japan.

Since 1994, the Office of Children's Issues—commonly referred to as OCI—at the United States State Department had opened

194 cases involving 269 U.S. children abducted to or wrongfully retained in Japan. As of March 25, 2010, OCI had 85 open cases involving over 121 American children abducted to Japan. Of these abducted children, Keisuke Collins, is the son of one of my constituents, Randy Collins.

Unfortunately, since the signing of the Treaty of Peace with Japan between the Allied Powers and the Government of Japan in 1951, the Japanese Government has never issued and enforced a legal decision to return a single abducted child to the United States. In addition, Japan has not agreed to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, which has resulted in the continued absence of an immediate remedy that would enable the expedited return of abducted children to their custodial parent in the United States. Sadly, the Government of Japan is the only G-7 country that has not acceded to the Hague Convention.

This problem is also compounded by Japan's legal system. Because Japan's existing family law system does not recognize joint custody nor actively enforces parental access agreements for both its own citizens and foreigners, there is little hope for children to have contact with the noncustodial parent in violation of internationally recognized and protected rights. What is worse, the Government of Japan has repeatedly claimed to foreign governments that parental child abduction is not considered a crime in Japan despite the fact that Article 3 of the Japanese Penal Code does indeed make it a crime for a Japanese citizen to abduct a child and move the child across national borders.

Although Japan's current Justice Minister said upon her appointment that she is determined to show that Japan "is very proactive" in adopting international protocols and conventions that are the "international standard," child abductions to Japan continue to be a very serious and rampant problem. Consequently, is critical for the United States and Japan to work together to prevent future incidents of international parental child abduction to Japan.

As such, I call on my colleagues to support House Resolution 1326. This resolution calls on the Government of Japan to immediately address the growing problem of abduction to and retention of American children in Japan. The resolution also calls on Japan to work closely with the United States to return these children to their custodial parent in the United States and to provide left-behind parents immediate access to their children. Lastly, House Resolution 1326 calls on Japan to immediately adopt the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction so that these abducted children can be returned to their custodial parent.

As an original cosponsor of this resolution, it is of utmost importance to not only me, but to my constituents Randy and Keisuke, that it is passed with the overwhelming support of the House of Representatives. These abducted kids—and their families—cannot wait any longer.

COMMEMORATING THE 90TH
BIRTHDAY OF ENTERTAINER
AND PHILANTHROPIST JOEY
RUSSELL

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, I rise to commemorate Joey Russell of Milford, Connecticut, a comedian and humanitarian who has spent a lifetime working to make the world around him a better, happier place.

Known to generations of Connecticut children as "Happy the Clown," a television staple in Hartford and my hometown of New Haven, Joey has brought laughter, good cheer, and good works to those around him for decades. In fact, Joey's wit and timing as a stand-up comic has taken him all over the world, including famed comedy venues like the Copacabana in New York and Grossinger's Hotel in the Catskills.

Throughout his career, Joey has matched his gift for entertaining with an impressive record of philanthropy and public service. The son of a rabbi who served in the United States Army, Joey has raised money for over 20 ambulances for American Red Magen David for Israel (ARMDI), formed the Golan Chapter of this international humanitarian organization, and has led over fifty tours of the Holy Land.

I congratulate Joey, his wife Josi, and their five children on reaching this impressive milestone, and I thank Joey for all the laughter over the years. With or without the "happy sticks" on hand, I know he will greet this cause for celebration with a smile.

MARGARET HOUGASIAN: A SURVIVOR'S STORY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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This is one of those stories:

(Submitted by Shirley Collins)

My name is Shirley Kalashian-Collins. I was born in 1951 to Armenian parents. My

mother was born in Aintab, Turkey in 1920 in the midst of the genocide of the Armenians. My mother and my grandparents narrowly made it out alive and found refuge in the U.S. My paternal grandmother also had a harrowing story. Due to the threat against the Armenians she was shipped to the U.S. at 15 years old to marry an Armenian, only to find out a few years later that her parents were killed and her younger sisters kidnapped. My mother tried hard to put all these stories down on paper so the world would know what happened to our families. After she passed away, I attempted to finish her project. After nearly 10 years and hundreds of hours of work, I put the story together.

Now I want to thank our Rep. Adam Schiff for his efforts to put these stories that are left untold in the Congressional Record. I know my mother, if she were alive, would be dancing up and down with joy. You can't imagine how exciting this is for me after all the years of work to make sure these stories are kept alive and heard so that history will be recorded accurately.

Thank you Rep. Schiff. This is such a wonderful and amazing idea.

My great-grandfather, Sarkis Kalashian, married Margaret Hougasian after my great-grandmother, Shoushan, died. Sarkis was killed in 1915 by Turkish soldiers. This left Margaret a widow with small children. My cousin, Margo Torigiants, shared with me the following story of how her grandmother escaped to France after Sarkis was killed:

After the massacre of the Armenians started, Margaret suddenly became a widow when her husband and older son were killed in 1915. According to her granddaughter, Margo, Margaret had some gold nuggets as Sarkis had been a merchant in Kharpet. Earlier pictures of Sarkis and Margaret show them happy and very well dressed.

She used these gold nuggets to get some Turkish people to help her and her children: Khoren, Hrant, Dickran, Araksi and Vartan (and maybe Agavni—daughter of Khoren) to flee. She dressed up the boys as girls to disguise them. (Boys were more likely to be killed by the Turkish military). Somehow they were able to get to Aleppo, Syria. She tried to get them in an orphanage, but since they had a parent, she could not get them in. She cooked for people and took the leftovers home for the kids to eat. They stayed there for a few years, but stayed close.

They were afraid Arabs would kidnap the kids. From there they settled in Marsielle, France.

HONORING THE HANNAH WESTON CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hannah Weston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for their care of the Burnham Tavern for 100 years.

The Chapter carries the name of Hannah Weston in honor of the 17-year-old pregnant woman who showed incredible courage in helping the patriots fight the British in the Battle of the Margarett. This was also known as the Battle of the Machias, the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War. Since 1910, the Hannah Weston Chapter has owned and maintained the Burnham Tavern, where the

people of Maine first gathered to plan the defense of their homes and our young nation.

The Tavern was built in 1770, and has a rich history dating back to the Revolutionary War. Plans to capture the armed British vessel, H.M.S. *Margaretta*, in the first naval battle of the American Revolution were made in the Tavern, and the wounded were nursed there. Many items in the Tavern are associated with that battle and the patriots who fought it. The Tavern acts as a historical landmark that welcomes visitors from around the country and the world, who seek to learn more about this important part of our nation's struggle for independence.

The Burnham Tavern is the oldest building in eastern Maine, having withstood the test of time thanks to the members of the Hannah Weston Chapter. The Tavern has been kept in excellent condition, and the Chapter has paid out of their own pockets for the upkeep of the 18th century building.

The DAR has made a substantial contribution to the community through preserving a historical landmark and educating its visitors. Their efforts are truly remarkable, and all of Maine thanks them for their dedication to our nation's history.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Hannah Weston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for their work in preserving such an important part of our nation's history.

HONORING THE SAGINAW RIVER COAST GUARD STATION

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the members of the U.S. Coast Guard stationed at the Saginaw River Coast Guard Station. The Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Bay City, Michigan will hold a program and reception on October 3rd to recognize these dedicated service members.

The United States Coast Guard established a presence in the Saginaw River in 1842 when a lighthouse was constructed. Over the years the Coast Guard has maintained a light range system and expanded to now include 8 boats, and is staffed by 27 active duty personnel and 5 reserve personnel. Its area of responsibility stretches from Point Lookout to Oak Point on the Saginaw Bay and from the mouth of the Saginaw River to Green Point in Saginaw. The station is responsible for servicing 134 aids to navigation. On the average, the station runs 110 search and rescue missions a year. The Station has been designated as the Ice Capabilities Center of Excellence, which is the formal training site for the ice rescue procedures for the United States Coast Guard. The crew is considered the specialists in ice rescue and fulfills the role of instructors in the field.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work for the Saginaw River Coast Guard Station. Their dedication to ensuring the safety and security of persons traveling the waters of the Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River is exemplary. I commend them for their service, enthusiasm, perseverance and I pray they will

continue to do their job in safety for many years to come.

HONORING LIBERTY CORNER FIRE COMPANY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Liberty Corner Fire Company, located in Bernards Township, Somerset County, New Jersey which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

The Liberty Corner Fire Company was incorporated on October 17, 1910 and spent the first 4½ years organizing and growing prior to its activation. On March 4, 1915, during a meeting that officially activated the company, 34 members joined what has become a fire company exuding bravery and rich in generosity.

After becoming active, the members needed a firehouse. In June of 1915, a lot was purchased and one month later construction began. At the time of completion, the Liberty Corner Fire Department funds ran low, but through the donation from the Bernardsville Fire Company, the Company acquired its first fire apparatus.

Over the years, the Liberty Corner Fire Company joined alongside many other departments as they battled fires. The members worked tirelessly to not only keep their own community safe, but surrounding communities as well. The company often reported to fires in other towns in an effort to provide assistance.

In 1954, it was decided that there was a need for a larger firehouse. Realizing the high cost to do so, the members dedicated 7,400 hours of manpower to expand the building. By doing so, they were able to save over half the cost of the expansion. The building was completed with a dedication ceremony on July 14, 1956. On December 10th of that same year, the Liberty Corner Fire Company received the Certificate of Perpetual Existence.

The 1980s brought about a boom of residential and commercial building in the department's primary service area. With the completion of an interstate highway and over 2,000 residential homes built, the demands of the Fire Company increased. In response, the Company purchased a command vehicle; 1982 Dodge Diplomat. However, the need also arose for a new firehouse to keep up with the new construction sizes of modern fire apparatuses.

After a long process of raising funds for a new firehouse, the groundbreaking was held in August of 1989. Over a year later, in September of 1990, the Liberty Corner Fire Company moved into its new home on a 10-acre lot purchased back in 1925. This house boasts a side bay with offices and rooms to facilitate day-to-day work at the company. On May 4, 1991, a wet down was held to celebrate the new firehouse.

In an effort to keep up with rising costs, the company began the Santa Fund Drive in 2000. In conjunction with the holidays, the company offers parents the chance to have Santa Claus arrive on a fire truck to present their child with a gift.

On March 8, 2007, the members of the Liberty Corner Fire Company were presented

with a grant from the Fireman's Fund Heritage Program to help fund safety equipment. In July of the same year, the company was invited to participate in America's Independence Day Parade in our nation's capital, Washington, DC.

In September 2009, insurance agency Lake McVicker, along with the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, awarded the Liberty Corner Fire Company a grant for a new thermal imaging camera to replace on its new Pierce pumper.

Today, the Liberty Corner Fire Company boasts an impressive fleet of fire trucks and responds to a wide array of emergencies in and around their community. The success of volunteer fire departments such as this one is vital to the security of millions of Americans.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Liberty Corner Fire Company as they celebrate 100 years of exceptional service.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES YOUNG

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true American Hero, Charles Milton Young, who recently passed away at the age of 91. I am honored to recognize Charlie's brave and commendable service to the United States of America. Charlie Young proudly served our Nation in World War II as a United States Marine in 1944–1945. During his service, he sustained a severe injury during the battle of Okinawa, leading to a 9-month hospitalization. In fact, he distinguished himself in combat so greatly that he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Excellence in Service medals. There is nothing nobler than answering the call to serve your country. His actions are a true testament to his patriotism. It is always sad when we lose a hero; however, it also brings us hope when we remember men of the Greatest Generation, like Charlie, who have walked among us.

Charlie was a dedicated family man, having been married to his wife Hazel for 72 years. He was also the proud father of four children, 17 grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren. Charlie and Hazel met and married in Beeville, Texas and later moved to Corpus Christi to raise their family. In 1960 they moved permanently to their lake home in Mathis, Texas. It is an honor to remember Charlie as a courageous soldier who risked his life for the American dream but it is also an even greater honor to recognize him as an honorable Texan, dedicated citizen, and a loving father, grandfather and husband.

There is no such thing as former Marine; once Marines leave the military they are still Marines in heart and soul and patriotic zeal. It is true that once a Marine always a Marine. Charlie was proud to be a Marine, so much so that as he said his final goodbyes to family members, his last words to his son-in-law, Maj. Joseph R. Ellis (retired USMC) was "Semper Fi, my son, Semper Fi" as he shook his fist with all the strength he could muster. There is nothing like a U.S. Marine. They are a breed of their own.

On September 28, 2010 PFC Milton Young, USMC was laid to rest with Full Marine Honor

Guard detail with a 21-gun salute and taps. I am honored to remember the life and memory of a Texas hero. He will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his friends, his community, and his country. Semper Fi, Charlie Young. Semper Fi.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING THE SOCIETY
OF KASTORIANS "OMONIOIA" OF
NEW YORK ON THEIR 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Society of the Kastorians "OMONIOIA" of New York, located in Whitestone.

The first Kastorian immigrants, hailing from Kastoria, a North-Western Province in Greece, have deep roots in New York City. After their arrival in 1887, the community quickly grew. These new Americans organized a philanthropic group that has done charitable work and donated resources both in Greece and here in the United States.

Founded on August 7, 1910, the Society first began sending aid back to its members' homeland, Kastoria. The first donations supported a girls' school, a pharmacy, and earthquake-recovery efforts. During both World Wars, the Society was active in providing assistance to Greece's infrastructure and its defenses. During those turbulent times, the Society's efforts helped Greece construct a warship, a power plant and a water supply distribution system, as well as providing shipments of flour to Greek refugees.

Through the years, the Society's generosity has not been limited to Greece; it has supported many initiatives in New York and throughout the United States. In 1941, the Kastorians purchased \$16,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds, and an aircraft was named *The Kastorian Spirit* in their honor. They have donated to the American Red Cross and have annually given over \$50,000 for scholarships. The Kastorians donated to the World Trade Center Fund after the 9/11 attacks, and to Columbia University for its Hellenic Studies and Ancient History program. They also purchased a two-building complex in Whitestone that the Society uses as its headquarters, where cultural lectures and celebrations are hosted.

Madam Speaker, for the last hundred years, the Society's members have been able to maintain their heritage and devotion to Greece, while at the same time dedicating themselves to their home in the United States. I look forward to seeing the Society of Kastorians "OMONIOIA" of New York's future efforts in improving the lives of not only Greek-Americans, but also all Americans, for many more years to come.

I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me, and rise in recognition of the Society of Kastorians, its President, Dr. Elias Panides, its Vice President, Vasili E. Zisis, and all its members, on their centennial anniversary.

A GENOCIDE SURVIVOR STORY:
ARAM DEMERJIAN'S FATHER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to memorialize and record a courageous story of survival of the Armenian Genocide. The Armenian Genocide, perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923, resulted in the death of 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children. As the U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry Morgenthau documented at the time, it was a campaign of "race extermination."

The campaign to annihilate the Armenian people failed, as illustrated by the proud Armenian nation and prosperous diaspora. It is difficult if not impossible to find an Armenian family not touched by the genocide, and while there are some survivors still with us, it is imperative that we record their stories. Through the Armenian Genocide Congressional Record Project, I hope to document the harrowing stories of the survivors in an effort to preserve their accounts and to help educate the Members of Congress now and in the future of the necessity of recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

This is one of those stories (submitted by Aram Demerjian):

My father, born in Diarbekir in 1901, told me about the real events as I was growing up. His experiences of what happened to his father and how he made to escape death were not pleasant for me to hear. I was born in Lebanon. I would like give you some of the accounts related to me.

My grand-father was an iron smith. He made hand-cuffs for the prison inmates. His own hand-cuffs clamped his own hands by the Turks. He was taken away from his home for questioning and his family never saw him again.

I consider my father a very talented man. For instance, he could play musical instruments, he could sing with a vibrant voice. He was not fanatic about his religious practice. On his way to exile, he stopped at many villages for few days or for few months. Some religious man (sheikh) gave him shelter during one stop. This host noticed that he has a good voice. So he invited my father to sing in the mosque. Of course, having nothing to support himself, he could not refuse Sheikh's request. I forgot to mention that my Dad also spoke Kurdish.

Three months later, my father who is also a good horse rider, left the village at night time. Not knowing anything about his destiny. At this time, I have not many details about how he made to Aleppo (Syria).

Someday, I shall sit down to write many other events regarding his brothers and his mother whom survived this genocide and how my Dad was able to meet them again in Lebanon. His older sister was forcefully taken away by a Turkish soldier.

I also have some recollections told to me by my mother's side whose family was also exiled from the town of Konia.

On my mother's side, the story is different. Her father (Sarkis) was a merchant. Sarkis owned some wealth. He converted his assets into gold coins. But he did not make the exile with his family made of 3 girls, one boy and his wife (my grand-mother). Sarkis was taken away one morning and never came back. The gold coins were hidden inside underwear of the women. A local Turk helped

them ride the train out of Konia to Tarousse against a certain amount of monetary payment.

SECURING AMERICA'S VETERANS
INSURANCE NEEDS AND GOALS
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Mr. Speaker, the intent of H.R. 5993, the Securing America's Veterans Insurance Needs and Goals (SAVINGS) Act is to increase transparency and disclosure of the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program. The intent is to increase financial counseling for beneficiaries and to allow Congress to play a better role in providing oversight and access of the program.

It is not the intent of H.R. 5993 to have Congress weigh in on the legal question of whether or not the Department of Veterans Affairs has the authority to allow 'retained asset accounts'. The language in H.R. 5993 is not intended to validate in any manner whether 'retained asset accounts' are authorized in section 1970(d) of title 38, United States Code.

PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA
ESTABLISHMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 758, the Pediatric Research Consortia Establishment Act.

This legislation is an important step towards understanding and eradicating diseases in children. The consortia will lead to new insights to the major disorders that affect children and will empower researchers to discover innovative strategies for diagnosis and treatment.

Pediatric research and care is currently underfunded despite the fact that children comprise 20 percent of our nation's population. Enrolling and evaluating a sufficiently large group of children is the most effective way of understanding these disorders and to monitor how they manifest in adults. By having Pediatric research institutions collaborate and share information in a methodical way, we can speed up breakthroughs and treatments to fight diseases that affect children.

This investment in research is an important step in speeding up the development of therapies to combat devastating diseases in children. I am proud to support this legislation.

HONORING FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN'S
200TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 200th anniversary of the birth of

the composer and pianist, Frédéric Chopin, and recognize the influence his music has had on the world.

Frédéric Chopin was born in 1810 in the Napoleonic Duchy of Warsaw to a French father and Polish mother. He was a child prodigy in both playing and composing on the piano. In the following years Chopin moved to Paris after the Polish Uprising of 1830. There, he supported himself by teaching piano and an occasional public performance. In 1837 he became involved with the French novelist Amantine Dupin, better known under her pseudonym, George Sand. Unfortunately, for most of his life the artist suffered from a variety of maladies and died at the young age of 39.

Because of the strong Polish influence of his parents, Chopin never learned to fluently speak French. As such, much of his music retains influences of Polish culture; his Revolutionary Étude is interpreted as the story of the Polish Revolution—because of which he fled his homeland. While France and Poland both influenced the artist, he credits Bach and Mozart as the main forces that shaped his music.

While Chopin saw many of his contemporaries as lacking, he associated himself with many romantic artists, including many writers and painters. Under the direction of Bach and Mozart, Chopin's music is regarded as the epitome of the Romantic Style. Chopin preferred his music to remain unnamed except for the genre and number, as he wanted the listener to create their own associations. He is for these reasons regarded as one of the greatest composers and pianists who has ever lived.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Frédéric Chopin for his vast contributions and lasting effect on the world of classical music. We would be joining much of the world in celebrating, as festivals in honor of Chopin have occurred in places such as Warsaw, Paris, and my hometown Chicago. For 200 years, he has been renowned as a talented composer and will continue to be regarded as such for future generations.

RECOGNIZING THE SAGINAW VALLEY BABE RUTH 13-15 ALL-STAR TEAM

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague from Michigan, DAVE CAMP, to honor the Saginaw Valley Babe Ruth 13-15 All-Star Team as the National Runners-up at the Babe Ruth World Series. The Saginaw Valley team was crowned this title on August 25th in Monticello, Arkansas.

Hailing from across Mid-Michigan, the Saginaw Valley Babe Ruth 13-15 All-Stars completed the year with a 16-3 record including the Michigan State Championship and the Ohio Valley Regional Championship. They played against teams from across the Midwest and East Coast to earn their spot at the World Series tournament playing against 11 teams from across the United States.

The players are: Connor Foley, Grant Bridgewater, Grant Miller, Sam Brooks, Zach Olszewski, Brandon Vittitow, Chase Krager,

Ryan Jankowski, Luke Scharich, Jordan Stainforth, Tyler Palm, Jake Warren, A.J. Rubio, and A.J. McInnis. The team was coached by Howard Miller, and Matt Jankowski. Mark Krzysiak serves as team Manager. During their World Series run, Grant Bridgewater and Brandon Vittitow were named to the All Tournament Team. A.J. McGinnis was named to the All Defensive Team as a pitcher.

Madam Speaker, we are very proud of the team members, their manager and coaches and congratulate them on earning this title. They are a credit to their families, and their communities, and they are a testament to discipline, dedication and perseverance. We wish them the best as they continue to pursue their goals and in their future endeavors.

URGING HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN KAZAKHSTAN

HON. ALAN B. MOLLOHAN

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to alert my colleagues to some growing concerns in Kazakhstan.

As an ex-Soviet republic, Kazakhstan has made great strides in the past several decades. In fact, it was just 1991 when Kazakhstan became the last of the Soviet republics to declare its independence. Today, Kazakhstan serves as the Chair of the 56 member-nation Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

While I commend Kazakhstan for the progress it has made over the past several decades toward becoming a more democratic nation, I am increasingly concerned about ongoing allegations of corruption, human rights abuses, human trafficking, religious persecution, election tampering and suppression of free speech within the nation. In recent years, I have seen reports indicating that Kazakhstan's governmental system lacks the basic rights of democracy—elections are often fraught with fraud; political opposition is suppressed; few independent media outlets exist; and respect for human rights, religious freedom, and freedom of speech is questionable.

The United States has sought a mutually beneficial relationship with Kazakhstan and provides aid to Kazakhstan to enhance economic growth, democracy, security and humanitarian needs. We understand, because of Kazakhstan's centralized location between Europe and Asia, that it is in a unique position to help bridge East and West. However, I am concerned that the current U.S.-Kazakhstan relationship could be compromised and I think it is time we critically evaluate these very serious allegations.

I applaud the work of the Helsinki Commission under the current leadership of Senator BEN CARDIN, and previously, Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS for their ongoing commitment to bringing these matters to light and I would urge my colleagues to take the time to look into this issue.

HONORING GEORGIE O'CONNOR

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Georgie O'Connor from San Luis Obispo County.

Georgie is retiring from the Lucia Mar Unified School District, after having served since its formation in 1965. Her almost 50 years of service on the school board is a California State record for the longest-serving school board member, as confirmed by the California School Boards Association.

Georgie is a local treasure who has dedicated her career to ensuring high standards and a quality education for the young people in San Luis Obispo County.

Over her tenure, Georgie has watched multiple generations of students make their way through and graduate from Lucia Mar, including many current teachers and administrators. Through it all, she has never lost sight of the invaluable importance of a rigorous education for our nation's young people.

She is a true public servant, and it gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Lucia Mar Unified School District Community to thank her for her dedicated service today. I wish her much rest and relaxation in her well-deserved retirement!

Thank you and I yield back.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM H. MOBLEY IV

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of an outstanding individual, William H. Mobley IV, who passed away on May 23, 2010.

For 35 years, Mr. Mobley worked as a Principal Evaluations Officer and curator at the Library of Congress. While his position was a source of enjoyment and intellectual fulfillment to him personally, it also served as an outlet for him to provide a love of history and books to others.

Throughout his time with the Library of Congress, Mr. Mobley encouraged the donation of thousands of books to local communities and libraries, and he had a special interest in providing resources to his home city of Valdosta, Georgia. Appointed by Valdosta State University to select and send books through the Library of Congress, Mr. Mobley spent years of his life shipping reading materials to Georgia, evidence of his willingness to make enormous personal sacrifices for the benefit of others. Valdosta State University recently found that the total cost of the books donated by Mr. Mobley to the VSU library added up to more than \$750,000 over the years. To show their immense appreciation, VSU established The Bill Mobley Memorial Library Fund in Valdosta, Georgia.

On a personal level, Mr. Mobley was constantly seeking ways to make knowledge more accessible. He promoted a love of reading among his friends and family, concentrating on

historical accounts and always finding a way to keep the content interesting. Among those who knew him best, Mr. Mobley's kindness and patience were two qualities that stood out most, and he used these strengths to educate children and introduce them to the value of knowledge—including his own 33 nieces and nephews.

I commend William H. Mobley for his commitment to knowledge through education, his constant support of those around him, and his invaluable service to the people of Georgia.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as they mark their National Day this October 10. Taiwan is our important ally in the Asia Pacific region and a key trading partner with Alaska. Due to the hard work of Taiwan's president, Dr. Ma Ying-jeou, the relationship between the U.S. and Taiwan remains strong. I hope that these relations will continue to flourish as trade, educational and cultural exchanges, security cooperation, and Taiwan's participation in international organizations increases.

I would also like to recognize President Ma, who, in the last two years, has significantly improved the relations between Taiwan and Mainland China. There has been a considerable reduction of tension across the Taiwan Strait and there have been productive talks between the two sides on a number of important issues, including the signing of the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement on June 29 this year.

In celebrating Taiwan's National Day, I hope that Taiwan will continue to have a strong relationship with United States, China and the rest of the global economy.

RECOGNITION OF KEITH GOLDHARDT

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Keith Goldhardt for his unwavering commitment to his family, country and neighborhood. Mr. Goldhardt passed away on September 22, 2010, but left a lasting legacy for the many people whose lives he touched. Mr. Goldhardt's lifelong dedication to serving others is evidenced by his participation in numerous community organizations, his tenure in the U.S. Coast Guard, and his loving family. Mr. Goldhardt was a stellar example of what every American should strive to be, an active and enthusiastic member of the community.

Mr. Goldhardt spent his entire life in Ohio. He was born in Columbus and graduated from Pleasant View High School and Southern Ohio College. Growing up in a tight knit community instilled in Mr. Goldhardt the values of self-

sacrifice and generosity, values which manifested themselves at an early age when Mr. Goldhardt joined the United States Coast Guard. Mr. Goldhardt spent six years patrolling America's water and ensuring the safety and security of our citizens.

Mr. Goldhardt's time in the Coast Guard signaled the beginning of his life-long commitment to public service. Mr. Goldhardt was a member of various organizations, including the Masonic Lodge, the Columbus Garden Railway Society, Men's Auxiliary V.F.W., the American Legion, the Franklin County Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Ohio Township Association in addition to putting in 22 years as a faithful employee at National City Bank and James Lang LaSalle. Mr. Goldhardt also served four terms as a Pleasant Hill township trustee during which he more than doubled the township's Fire Department and fought hard to protect Darbydale citizens from the environmental and health threats posed by untreated raw sewage in the area.

Mr. Goldhardt's stellar reputation also speaks of putting himself before others and untiring community activism. Mr. Goldhardt truly cared about the town he grew up in and the people he had known all of his life. He regularly volunteered at the Georgesville Fish Fry and Harrisburg Homecoming. His passion for Ohio State Football was legendary, as was his "Buckeye Porch," where he would sit to watch the games every Saturday in the fall. Anyone in Pleasant View knew they could call Mr. Goldhardt at any time of day or night and he would be ready and willing to solve the caller's problem.

Most importantly, Mr. Goldhardt was a devoted family man. He left behind a loving wife, Patty, two sons, Scott and Martin, and a daughter, Mendy, as well as three grandchildren, Samantha, Scott and Nathan. I am proud to join his family members in remembering and honoring Mr. Goldhardt, who was an inspiration and a beloved family member.

HONORING JAMES ANULEWICZ

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Director of Public Services James Anulewicz upon his retirement after having served the Charter Township of Plymouth since 1984.

While working toward a Bachelor of Science degree at Michigan State University, James Anulewicz spent the summers of 1965 and 1966 working as a student intern at Caro State Hospital where his reports, plans and recommendations led to numerous changes, alterations and new construction on the hospital grounds. Jim graduated from Michigan State in 1967 and entered the graduate program in Landscape Architecture at the University of Michigan. During the summers of 1967 and 1968, he also became a student intern with the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority where he was solely responsible for the analysis of the Clinton River basin to determine its acceptability for a regional park.

Prior to the completion of his program at the University of Michigan, James Anulewicz was drafted into the United States Army. During his

nearly 3 years of service Jim completed Officer's Candidate School and tours of duty at Fort Benning, Georgia and in DaNang, South Vietnam where he received the Bronze Star. Returning to civilian life, Jim again pursued his Master's Degree at the University of Michigan successfully completing those requirements to graduate in 1972.

Throughout the 1970s James Anulewicz was employed by Norman L. Dietrich Associates where his primary work involved the planning tasks for both the Township of Plymouth and the City of Flat Rock. In 1978, Jim was given full managerial responsibility for Norman L. Dietrich Associates.

James Anulewicz began a long tenure with the Charter Township of Plymouth in 1984 when he was hired as the Planning Director. He also established his own consulting firm, James D. Anulewicz Associates. Jim proved to be invaluable, working closely with the Township Supervisor related not only to planning but in other areas as well. Mr. Anulewicz served as a planning consultant for the City of Flat Rock and remains as a planning consultant to Frenchtown Township near Monroe.

In 1989, James Anulewicz became the Director of Public Services for Plymouth Township overseeing the Departments of Public Works, Parks, Planning, and Engineering as well as Solid Waste and Recycling. Jim was named Community Administrator of the Year by the Michigan Society of Planning Officials in 1994.

James Anulewicz is a member of the American Planning Association, the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Michigan Chapter of Landscape Architects. He has served as the 1st Vice President of the Fall Festival Committee and is a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

Madam Speaker, since 1984 James Anulewicz has faithfully served the citizens of Plymouth Township. As he enters the next phase of his life, he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Plymouth Township Director of Public Services James Anulewicz upon his retirement and recognizing his years of loyal service to our community and country.

MAKE IT IN AMERICA AGENDA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, the spark that long ignited our national economic engine has been the imagination, hard work and determination of Americans and American manufacturing. They are the creators of our Nation's economic strength, leadership and freedom.

American Manufacturing has long been the pride of our Nation, the foundation of our economic infrastructure and the core of our military might. It has been the driving force supporting generations of Americans in pursuit of the American dream to build a better life for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren.

Today, U.S. manufacturing directly employs 14 million Americans and creates 8 million more jobs in other sectors. And, American manufacturing workers are the most productive workers in the world—twice as productive

as workers in the next 10 leading manufacturing economies—contributing nearly 12 percent to our gross domestic product.

When we support American manufacturing, we not only help the bottom line, we support the American worker, and we create more American jobs. Equally as important is our ability to support our national defense and to sustain American infrastructure with American products.

We must go headlong into the fight to defend our Nation's economic and military security. We must rebuild our ailing industries and invest in our 21st century workforce.

There is not a one-size-fits-all solution, but we know the rules of supply and demand. We must tackle the issues head-on and fight tooth and nail to preserve American manufacturing and uphold every opportunity for Americans to have good paying jobs.

We are taking steps to right this ship and return America to a place of strength in manufacturing. Four "Make It in America" bills have already been signed into law to:

Close tax loopholes that encourage companies to ship jobs overseas.

Make it cheaper for U.S. companies to get the materials they need to manufacture goods.

Speed innovation by breaking the backlog of patents waiting for approval.

Unleash small business lending with \$12 billion in small business tax cuts and new tools to help American small businesses export goods and compete abroad.

The Made in America legislation has the potential to assist manufacturing businesses throughout southern West Virginia. In my congressional district, we have nearly 13,000 people employed in manufacturing at 208 facilities. In 2009, the average U.S. manufacturing worker earned \$70,666 annually, while the non-manufacturing worker earned \$57,993 annually.

A poll for the Alliance for American Manufacturing showed large majorities believe manufacturing is the most important industry for our economy and national security, and support action to revive it. Two-thirds of Democrats, Republicans and Independents reject the view that "high-tech" and "services" industries can replace manufacturing in a strong U.S. economy. And, more than 75-percent of Americans support a national manufacturing strategy to make sure that economic, tax, labor and trade policies work together to help support manufacturing in the U.S.

Although the economy and the job market are on the way to recovery, America's manufacturing continues to face challenges. A helping hand is needed to level the playing field against foreign competition.

I support H.R. 2378, The Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act, to help American manufacturers fight back when it's clear that countries like China are using unfair trade practices, like undervaluing and manipulating its currency in foreign exchange markets. This is an exploitive export subsidy used to gain an unfair advantage over U.S.-made goods in the global marketplace.

Building a future for America's next generation stands on the shoulders of all of us. We must work together as Americans to invest in our country's long term future and create high-paying jobs. "American-Made" is far more than a label it is the key to our long term economic prosperity.

RECOGNIZING THE 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEN TEN DAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 99th anniversary of "Ten Ten Day" for the people of Taiwan. Ten Ten Day traces its roots to the Wuchang Uprising that occurred on October 10, 1911, and that signaled the end of the Qing Dynasty and the start of a democratic movement that we continue to celebrate today.

Ten Ten Day is a celebration of the end of tyranny for the Chinese people and the birth of democracy. It is significant to all freedom loving people throughout the world.

I want to especially recognize the people of Taiwan on this most important occasion. Taiwan has much to celebrate and it is a thriving economic force in Asia, due to its visionary leadership. I met with President Ma Ying-jeou and I commend his efforts to promote trade and improve relations between Taiwan and China. Guam is home to many people of Chinese and Taiwanese ancestry and our island continues to benefit from their cultural contributions to our community and the promotion of trade and economic opportunities.

I congratulate the people of Taiwan on the 99th anniversary of Ten Ten Day. We celebrate this historic occasion with them and we honor their friendship with the American people. We wish them many years of future prosperity and we thank them for their friendship.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, POST 116

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the American Legion, Post 116, located in my district in Reisterstown, Maryland. The American Legion is the largest wartime veterans' service organization in Maryland with 147 active Legion Posts serving virtually every community throughout the state.

The Reisterstown American Legion Post 116 was formed in 1935 by a group of 13 charter members. The original members met at each others' homes, the local Masonic Temple and the firehouse to conduct the American Legion business before finding a permanent location at the Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills. In the early fifties, the Post was able to purchase their first home on Route 140 in Reisterstown, giving members their own facility for conducting Legion business. The Post remained there until 1986 when construction of Interstate 795 forced relocation to the present site about two miles from the first Post Home. The present location houses nearly 400 members and includes a Sons of the American Legion Squadron of about 75 members, an American Legion Auxiliary of about 100 members and an active Legion Riders organization.

Over the years, the Reisterstown American Legion Post 116 family has been active in

many community endeavors. Some of the Post's many community activities include giving assistance to the Reisterstown Recreation Council, awarding scholarships to students at Franklin High School, participating in the American Legion Boys State and the Auxiliary's Girls State programs, as well as taking part in the American Legion Oratorical Contest for high school students. In addition, the Post compiled a list of all known local veterans and donated this to the Baltimore County Library.

The Reisterstown American Legion Post 116 has contributed time and treasure to help many charitable organizations including, the Maryland Special Olympics, the Epilepsy Foundation, the United Cerebral Palsy Association, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and organizations combating Multiple Sclerosis.

In 2010, the Reisterstown American Legion Post 116 was the winner of the Outstanding Newsletter Award, produced by editor and Past Post Commander Doug Lawrence. I would also like to congratulate the Post Officers for the 2010–2011 term as they celebrate the 75th Anniversary:

Commander Glenn "Thumper" Krout

1st Vice Commander Diane Hackney

2nd Vice Commander Bill Finch

Adjutant Len Gmeiner, Past Post Commander

Finance Officer Maurice "Moe" Morton, Past Detachment Commander, Sons of the American Legion

Sergeant at Arms Keith Hughes, Past Post Commander

Chaplain Bill Finch

Judge Advocate Mark H. Olanoff

Service Officer Diane Hackney

Historian Keith Hughes, Past Post Commander

Madam Speaker, I strongly commend the Reisterstown American Legion Post 116 as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary on November 6, 2010.

GRANTING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO JAPANESE AMERICAN BATTALION

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1055, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

The United States will forever be indebted to the Japanese Americans soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, for their bravery, valor, and dedication to the country.

Though many of their families were unjustly incarcerated in internment camps after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese Americans still fought to prove their loyalty to the United States of America. More than 20,000 Japanese Americans enlisted in the U.S. Army, approximately 14,000 of whom served in the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team, including the 100th Infantry Battalion, became the

most decorated unit for its size and length of service in American military history. Among their numerous awards, the Japanese American soldiers of World War II earned 21 Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 559 Silver Stars, 4,000 bronze stars, nine (9) Presidential Unit Citations, and 9,486 Purple Hearts. The 442nd saw the highest percent of casualties of any unit in the Army, earning it the nickname "Purple Heart Battalion."

Nisei men fought for the U.S. and its allies across Europe in many key battles. The 442nd waged eight major campaigns in France, Germany, and Italy. Most notably, the 442nd led a heroic drive into enemy lines to free the surviving 211 members of a Texas unit who were trapped by the Germans in the rescue of the Lost Battalion. The governor of Texas would later name them "Honorary Texans" for their actions. Additionally, the Japanese American soldiers liberated towns such as Bruyeres, Biffontaine, and Belvedere. They also freed Holocaust victims from one of the Dachau concentration camps in Germany.

Japanese Americans also served with great distinction in the Pacific Theater in the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Service, MIS. Through their command of the Japanese language, they greatly facilitated Allied war efforts and the MIS is credited with shortening the war in the Pacific by at least two years.

As a Japanese American who spent part of my childhood in Amache internment camp in Colorado, I am humbled by the perseverance of these Nisei soldiers through the difficult struggle against racial prejudices and discrimination that they endured both during and after the war. Having valiantly fought to liberate the world from tyranny and oppression while their own families were imprisoned back home, the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service are true American heroes. The unrelenting patriotism of these veterans, now in their late 80s and early 90s, paved the way for reconciliation and redress, and the full racial integration of the Armed Forces thereafter.

Once again, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting S. 1055 to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, in recognition of their patriotism and dedicated service during World War II.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD SCOTT ALDEN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. I rise today to recognize and honor one of those individuals: Richard "Dick" Scott Alden. Dick passed away at his home on Monday, September 20, 2010. He will be deeply missed.

Dick Alden was born July 27, 1931, in Hibbing, Minnesota and is the son of Alvin and Verne Alden. As a young man his family

moved to Pasadena, California. Dick was a student in the Pasadena school system and upon graduation, served honorably in the United States Air Force.

After his service in the Air Force, Dick earned his college degree from Woodbury Business School in Los Angeles. He began working for Union Oil and later moved his young family to Riverside acquiring what eventually became Empire Oil Company.

During his active life in Riverside, Dick, along with building Empire Oil into a major petroleum and chemical distributor, devoted his time and resources to a number of community-based charitable organizations. He also was active in Republican politics and various local sports programs. Dick was known for his generosity to many charitable organizations and those who know him remember his sense of humor.

Mr. Alden is survived by his son Eric Alden of Huntington Beach and wife Martha; Daughter Michelle Fisher of Aliso Viejo; Daughter-in-law Ann Alden of Riverside; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Also surviving are Dick's sister Barbara Meza of San Clemente and a brother Gayle Alden of Auburn, Washington. Dick was preceded in death by his son Scott, who played an important role in the building of Empire Oil, and by his granddaughter Jennifer Stevens. Dick was especially impacted by the death of his son and granddaughter, two individuals that were remarkable in their own right. Dick will be buried in Olivewood Memorial Park, the same cemetery where Scott and Jennifer were laid to rest.

On October 2, 2010, a memorial service celebrating Dick's extraordinary life will be held at the Salvation Army Chapel in Riverside. Dick will always be remembered for his incredible work ethic, generosity, love of family, and sense of humor. His dedication to his family and community, especially the Salvation Army, are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Dick's family and friends; although Dick may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM ACT OF 2010

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, today, I rise on behalf of all of America's National Guard and proudly introduce the Guardians of Freedom Act of 2010—a bill to elevate the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to a position on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The National Guard is one of our nation's longest standing institutions, empowered by Congress and providing to the states a highly trained and well equipped force to protect life and property.

Over the course of its nearly four hundred year history, the National Guard has remained a dual state-Federal force, providing security on the home front and fighting threats to our Nation and our freedoms all over the globe.

Our National Guardsmen are true American patriots. Theirs is a proud story of tradition,

service, sacrifice, and uncommon acts of heroism. They make each of us so very proud.

Aristotle said, "Men acquire a particular quality by constantly acting a particular way . . . you become just, by performing just actions . . . brave by performing brave actions."

The American people owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our 362,192 men and women members of the National Guard in service to these great United States. These extraordinary individuals maintain the Guard's multi-mission role—providing nearly 33 percent of America's combat power globally. Yet, simultaneously and with great skill, from approximately 3,400 community-based armories they serve their fellow citizens in defense of our homeland, and in support to states and local civil authorities and emergency response needs.

For decades there has been a significant evolution in the missions and capabilities of the National Guard. As Major General Allen E. Tackett, the Adjutant General of the West Virginia National Guard so appropriately states, "Not since World War II has the Guard been so vital to the overseas mission and not since the founding of our Nation has the Guard been so vital to the defense of our homeland."

Madam Speaker, for 34 years I have been privileged to represent the people of southern West Virginia, and it is with humble sincerity I say, our West Virginia National Guard is a model example of the training, commitment to excellence and professional dedication to America's defense.

From the home front to the front lines, we call upon our National Guard to fulfill missions of public safety and security on and between our borders here at home, and send them to foreign lands to combat terrorism abroad. They are among the first called to aid in a domestic disaster and have often times been the last to leave a battlefield.

This year the National Guard marks its 374th birthday. Formed as colonial militias, the new colonies in North America depended upon the Guard to protect fellow citizens from Indian attack, foreign invaders, and later to help achieve our independence. Recognizing the militia's role for the newly formed United States, the Framers of the Constitution empowered Congress to provide for training and equipping the militias.

Since founding and through an historic journey of "call outs" and stand out missions—from the bayou communities ravaged by Hurricane Katrina to the frontiers of freedom during the Cold War, our National Guard has seen its Federal mission change.

Our National Guard has a duty and commitment to the citizens and communities of the states in which these soldiers call "family" and "home." It is a military service tradition that has been challenged by long-term and multiple deployments to front lines in two active theaters, and in support of missions in all corners of the globe as directed by our Nation's Commander in Chief.

Therefore, it is not only our duty it is an absolute necessity, that Congress take action to elevate the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to a position on the Joint Chiefs of Staff to serve as an advocate and liaison for the National Guard of each State to inform of all actions that could affect their Federal or State missions.

In a Nation such as ours, it is a stunning reality that today we ask our brothers and sisters, husbands, and wives to serve around the

globe to preserve democracy and promote freedom. But in our country, where every voice counts, our Nation's active duty leadership excludes the voice of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Congress must ensure the National Guard has appropriate input during the planning and budgetary process within the Department of Defense, and end the challenge to live with "after-the-fact" process, as is now the case.

As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau would have responsibility and authority to advocate and coordinate the Guard's warfighting support and force provider mission with its homeland security and support missions to ensure the Guard has the resources to perform its multiple missions and fulfill its Constitutional role to our states.

Creating a Veterans' preference in the Transportation sector is very simple. It seeks to give America's veterans an opportunity advantage in the contracting process for their service to our country—a means to attach importance and to acknowledge our fellow Americans who have put their life on the line to preserve our way of life.

Madam Speaker, from the battlefield to the home fields, our National Guard—America's patriots—exemplifies sacrifice and commitment to duty.

I urge my colleagues to vote for Guardians for Freedom Act of 2010—so that we may respectfully and gratefully fulfill our duty to support the original intent of our Constitution for each state to maintain an organized militia with integrity—and, effectively support and acknowledge the great sacrifice so many willingly make for all of us.

TRIBUTE TO ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GA AND THE NAVY SUPPLY CORPS SCHOOL

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the exceptional partnership that has thrived for 57 years between the community of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, and the Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS).

For more than half a century, America's Supply Corps officers have viewed Athens as the birthplace of their careers. Before the school cast anchor in the southern college town of Athens, the institution resided in numerous locations, including Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Harvard University.

On June 4, 1953, the United States Navy purchased 58 acres of land in the Oglethorpe Historic District of Athens. The beautiful property held a rich history of education. Dating back to the 1860's, the property served as campus to Georgia University High School, the Confederate Military School, the School for Disabled Confederate Veterans, the University of Georgia's College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, the State Normal School, and Coordinate College. Its legacy of education continued with the commissioning of the Navy Supply Corps School on January 15, 1954.

The Athens community had established a rapport with the U.S. Navy prior to the

school's arrival. During World War II, Athens was home to one of only five naval preflight schools in the nation. For the past 57 years, the residents of Athens-Clarke County have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with NSCS. They have also benefitted from the quality of students who studied there and retired officers who have settled in the Athens area. Since 1954, NSCS has launched more than 89,000 officers into successful careers, and on October 29, 2010, approximately 81 more officers will graduate, the final class to complete their studies in Athens. This storied institution has remained in "The Classic City" longer than any other location, making Athens truly the "Cradle of the Supply Corps."

As the Navy Supply Corps School prepares to set sail for a new facility in Newport, Rhode Island, the Athens campus will continue in its heritage of higher learning by serving as home to the University of Georgia and Georgia Health Sciences University's new medical school.

Madam Speaker, I honor the Navy Supply Corps School for the tremendous service it has provided, not only to the community, but for the entire nation. I applaud the exceptional partnership that has existed over the last 57 years among the Navy school and Athens-Clarke County, Georgia.

CONGRATULATING LEO P. VERGNETTI ON BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE COLUMBUS DAY ASSOCIATION OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY AS MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Leo P. Vergnetti, this year's recipient of the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County's "Man of the Year" award.

Mr. Vergnetti will be honored at the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County's 102nd annual banquet in Dickson City, Pennsylvania on October 10, 2010.

Mr. Vergnetti is a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Anthony and Angeline Vergnetti.

Since 1972 he has owned and operated LPV Enterprises, Inc., the sole food and beverage vendor in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport.

Since 1994, Mr. Vergnetti has been President of Vergnetti Consulting, Inc. He is also an agent with Northeast Insurance and Financial Consultants.

Throughout this career, Mr. Vergnetti has been dedicated to helping individuals suffering from drug and alcohol abuse and addiction. Since 1994 he has served as an Aftercare Coordinator and Counselor at Clear Brook, Inc., helping to organize intervention services and support groups with schools, churches and other community organizations.

He also serves as a liaison with the Lackawanna County Treatment Court, and has served on the Medical and Legal Advisory Board of the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Commission for the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office.

In addition to his dedicated work with drug and alcohol addiction support services, Mr. Vergnetti has generously donated his time to numerous community and public service organizations throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society Ball of Hope, the Northeast Theater Group, the Arts and Cultural Commission of Lackawanna County, the Lackawanna County Council on Transportation, and the Lackawanna County Council on Economic Development.

Mr. Vergnetti currently resides in Scranton. He has nine children, fifteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Leo P. Vergnetti as the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County's Man of the Year. Throughout his career he has been dedicated to improving the quality of life in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING MRS. MARIE BOUCHER

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Marie Boucher and to celebrate her 101st birthday.

Marie moved to Greenville, Maine with her husband Auguste Boucher in 1951, and she has been the oldest citizen of Greenville since 2006. She is a proud mother and grandmother with eight children, twenty-eight grandchildren, fifty-one great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Marie is well known throughout Greenville for her gracious hospitality and prowess in the kitchen. She not only cooked for her large family, but also made sure the woodsmen who worked with her husband were well fed after their long days in the Maine woods. For several years, she took her cooking skills to the kitchen at the Log Cabin Restaurant, and Marie has remained active in her community throughout her life as a long time parishioner of Holy Family Church.

As an exemplary member of the Greenville community, Marie is an asset not only for her town but also her state, and she celebrates her birthday surrounded by family and friends.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Marie Boucher for her contributions and in celebrating her birthday.

BIRTH DEFECT PREVENTION, RISK REDUCTION, AND AWARENESS ACT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, one out of every 33 babies born in our country suffers from a birth defect, and one out of every five infant deaths in America is the result of a defect. Even those children who survive a defect grow up with a greater chance of illness and long-term disability. Perhaps most tragic of all, there are many times when these defects could be readily prevented.

That is why I rise in support today of H.R. 5462, the Birth Defect Prevention, Risk Reduction, and Awareness Act of 2010. This legislation establishes a grant program to revitalize the Nation's network of pregnancy risk information services.

These services offer pregnant women and their health care providers information and consultation regarding exposures to medications, chemicals, infections, and illnesses that may pose a risk of birth defects, a risk to the pregnancy, or a risk to the mother while pregnant. They also provide similar information on exposures during breastfeeding.

Fifteen years ago, there were over 30 such services across the country. Today, there are fewer than 15. State and private funding has provided inadequate support, and even those that remain open have sustained budget cuts of as much as 60 percent. And there are currently no Federal programs to provide support for these counseling services.

This bill remedies that oversight. It gives mothers the information they need to protect their children. And it will help reduce the frequency of birth defects in our Nation. I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING MR. BILL KLING FOR
HIS SERVICE TO AMERICA'S VET-
ERANS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William "Bill" Kling for his continued service to America's veterans. Mr. Kling's unwavering patriotism and continued dedication to America's heroes are to be highly commended.

Bill Kling served in the Navy during the Second World War. It was during his time in the Navy that Mr. Kling developed an unceasing devotion to his fellow servicemen. For over 35 years since, Mr. Kling has served his fellow veterans living in south Florida through community service and political activism.

Mr. Kling currently serves as the chair of the Broward County Veterans Council (BCVC), a coalition of 57 organizations in Broward and Palm Beach Counties that operates under a common plan to protect and implement benefits for veterans.

Uniting behind its mission "To Serve and Unite our Veterans," the BCVC has achieved substantial benefits for our veterans under Mr. Kling's leadership. As an advocate for better health care for veterans, Mr. Kling led the drive to build the new state-of-the-art Broward County VA Outpatient Clinic in Sunrise, FL. In addition to a successful campaign for a veterans state nursing home located in Pembroke Pines—a crucial service for veterans living in south Florida—Mr. Kling and the BCVC were also instrumental in delivering a VA hospital to Palm Beach, FL.

Mr. Kling's leadership has even had a national impact. Mr. Kling and the BCVC are responsible for the implementation of the handicapped parking signs that are now ubiquitous in shopping malls and public areas across America.

Bill Kling's most recent service to America's veterans has focused on national legislation

and keeping the BCVC's member organizations informed so that they may act accordingly. Mr. Kling has been an outspoken critic of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and a leading voice in the fight for its repeal. Additionally, Mr. Kling has been actively working to ensure that military families receive the same benefits as private citizens under America's recent landmark health care reform. Mr. Kling's leadership will help 700,000 young adults whose families are members of TRICARE, which covers military families, become eligible for health insurance coverage.

I have always valued Mr. Kling's insights and advice, and I proudly salute his exceptional service to our nation's veterans and, indeed, to all Americans. Not only is Bill Kling an American hero, Madam Speaker, he is a living testimony to the spirit of national service and a true role model.

HONORING CRAIG ZIMPHER

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize a fellow Ohioan and diligent public servant. Craig Zimpher, a friend and native of Piqua, Ohio, is retiring from Nationwide Insurance, after a dignified career in which he served both his country and the State of Ohio.

Craig began to distinguish himself as a young man while pursuing his education at the Ohio State University. While earning a B.A. and M.A. in history, Craig served as a resident advisor in the dean of student's office, where he helped design the honors undergraduate residential program. To this day, he remains active in the Ohio State University alumni community. Upon his graduation, he served as a first lieutenant in the United States Army; and, in 1973, he continued his commitment to public service by going to work as the policy director for the minority leader in the Ohio House of Representatives. In this role, Craig advised legislative leaders on a broad range of public policy issues facing Ohio families and businesses. Subsequently, Craig served as the deputy assistant to former Ohio Governor James Rhodes, where he coordinated policy research, drafted legislative proposals for Ohio, and advised the Governor on state regulatory matters. In 1980, he became a member of the Governor's cabinet, serving as the chairman of the Ohio Industrial Commission, where he administered the State's insurance program.

At the end of this year, Craig, a Vice President of Nationwide Insurance, will retire after nearly 30 years with the company. Craig is well liked and respected by his colleagues. He is happily married to Park Zimpher, and they are the proud parents of three sons, Fletcher, Peter and Nate. Craig is an avid student of history and enjoys fishing and golf, pastimes he will hopefully have more time for in the months and years to come. I want to thank Craig Zimpher for his service to his country and Ohio, and I wish him good health and Godspeed in his retirement.

CELEBRATION OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Republic of China as it celebrates its 99th National Day on October 10th, 2010. This festive holiday, known as Double Ten Day, celebrates the start of the Wuchang Uprising in 1911, which led to the collapse of the Qing Dynasty in China and the establishment of the Republic of China.

The Republic of China has become a model of economic and democratic success in Asia. Through the diligence and ingenuity of the Taiwanese people, their economy continues to flourish and has become one of the strongest in the region. In the last few decades, the Republic of China on Taiwan has held several democratic elections and peaceful transfers of power. The Republic of China continues to serve as a shining example of a free and democratic nation in Asia.

The United States and the Republic of China remain close friends and allies through their mutual commitment to democratic principles, freedom, and entrepreneurship. Madam Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Republic of China as it celebrates the 99th National Day.

HONORING MOLINA HEALTHCARE

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I would like to bring attention to Molina Healthcare, a managed care organization that provides healthcare services to families and individuals eligible for government-sponsored programs.

Thirty years ago, Dr. C. Molina, an emergency room physician, saw a need to provide quality healthcare for patients regardless of their financial status. Consequently, Molina Healthcare was started.

Molina Healthcare is dedicated to addressing the disparities in healthcare in order to positively impact members' long term health and well-being. In addition, Molina Healthcare is devoted to serving the community and positively impacting the neighborhoods they serve.

The vision of Molina Healthcare is consistent during Hispanic Heritage Month. They understand the need to develop linguistically and culturally sensitive healthcare programs members. I applaud Molina Healthcare, for reaching out to low-income children and women in rural counties in Texas through the Children's Health Insurance and Prenatal Plan. Lastly, I congratulate Molina Healthcare, for being named the 2010 largest Hispanic-owned business in the United States by Hispanic Business Magazine.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MR. JOE HUBBARD

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary life of Mr. Joe Hubbard, a tireless advocate and dedicated servant for people in need.

For 50 years in the East St. Louis community, Joe Hubbard has been the person that people turn to when they have nowhere else to turn. When a single mother needs shelter and food for her children; when a family has seen all their possessions destroyed in a fire; when an unemployed father has lost all hope of finding a job; or when an elderly person comes to the end of life with no family or friends to see them through their final days, there has been one response—call Joe Hubbard.

Joe Hubbard learned about families in need the hard way. His father experienced a debilitating workplace injury when Joe was young, forcing his family into financial hardship and requiring them to accept assistance from others. No doubt this early experience, in concert with Joe's deep Christian faith and the example of some compassionate mentors, played a significant role in setting him on his life's mission of helping those less fortunate.

As a young man, Joe became involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and began to expand his work with the poor through that organization. Realizing the need to provide an organizational foundation to capitalize on Joe's dedication and energy, the Catholic Diocese of Belleville began Catholic Urban Programs with Joe as Coordinator, a position he has held to this day.

There are those who say that Joe Hubbard can accomplish more with one phone call than others could with a week's work. In the past 50 years, Joe has developed many contacts and knows how to pull the right resources together to solve a problem. But Joe Hubbard is not just a high-level administrator. Joe goes into the broken homes and squalid apartments to deliver assistance. He visits the sick and elderly and those in prison. He delivers the food and clothing to families. He holds the hands of people as they lay dying, listening to their final words and seeing to it that they are laid to rest with dignity.

Joe Hubbard has received many accolades for the work he has done ministering to the poor and needy in his community but that has never been what drives him. Joe's faith, his family and many friends and service to his fellow man are important to him. Joe has been quoted, "When you are created in the image and likeness of God . . . We all have a common bond of love." This statement probably best explains what has kept Joe Hubbard doing God's work for his fellow man for these past 50 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Joe Hubbard for a lifetime of compassionate care and to wish him the very best in the future.

CONGRATULATING JOSEPH A.
PAGLIANITE ON RECEIVING THE
ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF LUZERNE COUNTY'S
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Joseph A. Paglianite, this year's recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement" award from the Italian American Association of Luzerne County.

The Italian American Association of Luzerne County will hold its 33rd annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on October 10, 2010.

The Association currently has over 200 members.

Each year, the Association honors one of its members with its "Lifetime Achievement" award. Members meeting broad criteria are nominated and the award is ultimately selected by the Association's Board of Directors.

This year's recipient is Joseph A. Paglianite of Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Paglianite was born in Wyoming, Pennsylvania on October 13, 1925. He is the son of Antonio and Mary Paglianite.

Mr. Paglianite graduated from Wyoming High School before working as a welder and inspector in the aircraft manufacturing industry.

After a short time working in the aircraft manufacturing industry, Mr. Paglianite was motivated by his Uncle's pizzeria to change careers and enter into the pizza business. In 1953, he opened Joe's Pizza in Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania.

By 1960, with the help of his brother-in-law, Mr. Paglianite had transformed Joe's Pizza into Grotto Pizza, and they opened their first restaurant in Delaware. Over the next few years, Grotto Pizza's success in Delaware led to more locations throughout the state.

In 1988, a fire destroyed the original restaurant in Pennsylvania. Mr. Paglianite and his family rebuilt a new 650-seat restaurant on the original site, and two more restaurants in Edwardsville and Wilkes-Barre quickly followed.

Today, along with the three locations in Northeastern Pennsylvania, there exist eighteen Grotto Pizza restaurants in Delaware.

Mr. Paglianite's success as an entrepreneur has been an inspiration throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

This year, the Luzerne County Community College will open the Joseph A. Paglianite Culinary Institute. Mr. Paglianite has donated over one million dollars to LCCC for the development of the new Culinary Institute and a scholarship program for first-year culinary students.

Mr. Paglianite is a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club and a member of the Gate of Heaven Roman Catholic Church in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Joseph A. Paglianite on this auspicious occasion. His hard work and generosity will continue to live on in northeastern Pennsylvania for generations.

HONORING U.S. MARINE CORPORAL
AARON HOWELL

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, United States Marine Cpl Aaron Howell from Potsdam, New York. On April 22, 2010, during a mortar attack in Afghanistan, Corporal Howell lost both his legs and most of his fingers on one hand. Close to death, he somehow summoned the will to live. His life and his experiences are an inspiring lesson to us all about the selfless sacrifice and courage of the men and women serving in the military today. As Corporal Howell meets his latest challenge to rebuild his life, we know that this Marine will climb the next mountain and, with his courage and can-do attitude, will serve as an example to us all. I ask that this poem, written by Albert Carey Caswell, in the honor of Corporal Howell's extraordinary courage, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOWELL?

Howell does one go off to war?
Howell do you walk though the valley of death, and yourself ignore?
Howell do you come back from the dead, and rebuild your life again once more?
Howell do you wake up and see your fine legs, and part of your strong hands so gone?
Howell do you find the courage, the strength to somehow move on?
Howell, do you raise your fine head up so high, and want to live, with tears in eye?
For only such things in a magnificent heart of courage so lie!
For only such things our Lord God up in Heaven, the courage so gives!
That against all odds, tells you I still have so much more to this our world to give!
For only such beauty, but comes and so emanates . . . from a heart where faith and courage live!
Yea, you Marine . . . who upon battlefield of honor were so bravely and so heroically seen!
As with your Brothers In Arms, who but did so such many most magnificent things . . .
Living and dying for each other, all in that most heroic hue of green . . .
All in that great glory and high honor, of being a United States Marine . . .
And when on that morning you awoke, all in your tears as you began to choke . . .
As it was when your fine heart so spoke!
Don't give in, don't give up . . . finding hope!
Just Howell, did you find the strength to cope!
Bringing the Angel's up in Heaven to tears, emote!
Just Howell, do you wake on each new morn . . . as oh Howell, you inspire us all with your life so worn!
As you Teach Us . . . as You So Beseech Us . . . as upon our souls your faith adorns!
For you are but the kind of Son, every Father on earth would wish for one!
As you make us understand just Howell Heaven is won!
And Howell against all odds, Thy Will Be Done!
Now, I know Howell!

IMPROVING ACCESS TO CLINICAL
TRIALS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, many years ago, I had the good fortune to meet Joey O'Donnell. Joey was the son of my close friend from Malden, Massachusetts, Joe O'Donnell. Joey was a brave and resilient child despite suffering from Cystic Fibrosis, CF, a cruel disorder that robs the body of the ability to breathe normally and leads to other debilitating health problems. As a result, CF typically cuts lives tragically short.

In 1986, Joey passed away when he was only 12-years-old. Because of Joey and the tireless work of his father Joe and mother Kathy, who encouraged me to intensify Government efforts to combat CF, I decided to found the Bi-Partisan Cystic Fibrosis Caucus in Congress. Our goal has been to raise awareness and build momentum towards a cure for CF, ALS, Parkinson's, Huntington's and other rare disorders.

I was pleased to partner with my colleague, Representative CLIFF STEARNS (R-FL), in passing the Improving Access to Clinical Trials Act and sending it to the White House to be signed into law. This bill will open up participation in clinical trials for diseases like CF to low-income and other patients. The bill excludes from the income caps set for the Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid programs the compensation that these patients receive for their participation in clinical trials for rare diseases. The legislation will ensure that this modest compensation will not affect eligibility for these programs.

Patients will no longer have to choose between their health benefits and the promise of a clinical trial. If we want to increase the chances of finding cures to diseases like Cystic Fibrosis, we also need to increase participation in these trials. The Improving Access to Clinical Trials Act gives low-income individuals a higher probability to help advance medical science, and helps save lives in the process, hopefully including their own.

The bill we passed yesterday and the law that President Obama will enact with his signature is really "Joey O'Donnell's Law". He inspired it, and his name will forever be associated with it. Joey died before his time, but his impact will be timeless. I salute my friend Joe O'Donnell and his wife Kathy and send my best wishes to the entire O'Donnell family. I also want to recognize my friend Bob Coughlin, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, for his tireless work to help find cures to CF and other rare disorders. This new law will offer hope to families around the country and bring us closer to the day when we consign these devastating diseases to the history books.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF LARRY
WILLIAMS**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a tremendous public servant, whose heart was bigger than his six-foot-seven-inch frame. Sheriff Larry Williams served the citizens of Orangeburg County as a law enforcement officer for 33 years. We have lost this beloved lawman, but his influence and compassion for the people he served will live on.

Larry Williams was born in Bamberg County in 1956, to the late George Williams and Willie Mae Carson Williams. He was educated in the public schools of Branchville, and went on to attend South Carolina State University. He later earned his bachelor's degree from Claflin University in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. Sheriff Williams gave back to his alma mater, joining the faculty as an adjunct professor of criminology and forensic science.

His career in law enforcement began as a police officer in the City of Orangeburg Police Department in 1977. After two years, he became a residential deputy with the Orangeburg Sheriff's Department. He quickly rose through the ranks to become a supervisor, and in 2000, he was elected Sheriff.

He received numerous recognitions for his dedicated service. In 2003, the South Carolina Sheriff's Association selected him as Sheriff of the Year, an outstanding accomplishment for a first term Sheriff. That same year he was recognized as an innovative Sheriff of Homeland Security. He also received recognition from the U.S. Marshals Service for his commitment to Operation Intercept.

Sheriff Williams established himself as a formidable lawman, who was well respected for his efforts to reduce the crime rate in Orangeburg County. His effectiveness won him the prestigious Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement and the Regional Organized Crime Institute's 2007 Gold Medalion Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement. That same year, he was selected as the Orangeburg County Community of Character Award winner for the character trait of "Citizenship."

In 2008 Sheriff Williams received the Criminal Justice Award from the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network. In 2010, the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department under his leadership was a finalist in the Crime Victims Services Award from the National Sheriffs' Association. He was also recognized with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in 2010.

Sheriff Williams always worked to improve his service as a law enforcement official. In 2002, he graduated from the 82nd session of the South Carolina Sheriff's Institute of Longmont, Colorado. Then in 2009, he completed the 62nd session of the Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar.

He served 3 years as a Crime Victim Services committee member for the National Sheriffs' Association. He was also a member of the South Carolina Association of Countywide Elected Executives, the executive board for

the Salvation Army, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officers' Association, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He volunteered his time with the United States Youth Games of South Carolina.

A man of faith, Sheriff Williams was a member of Canaan Baptist Church in Branchville and an honorary member of First Nazareth Baptist Church in Columbia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing this giant in the law enforcement community. Sheriff Williams was an extraordinary advocate of his beloved Orangeburg County and a wonderful role model for young people. He made a lasting mark on his community, our state and our nation. We all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude, and we can best honor his memory by immortalizing his commitment to public service.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING COLONEL
ERIC N. SINGLE**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Colonel Eric N. Single is retiring from the United States Air Force after 29 years of distinguished service.

Colonel Single received his commission in 1981 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Auburn University, AL. He graduated from pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, AZ in 1983, and has extensive experience in the B-52G, B-52H and B2 bombers as an aircraft commander, instructor and evaluator. In 1991, Colonel Single deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm, flying 26 combat sorties in the B-52 over Iraq and Kuwait. He graduated from the U. S. Air Force Weapons School in 1992 and was selected as initial cadre for the B-2 program.

In 1998 Colonel Single took command of the 393d Bomb Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base, MO, where he led the B-2 through its combat debut in the skies over Kosovo. Colonel Single not only led his Squadron to success in Operation Allied Force, he acted as flight lead and Mission Commander on the very first B-2 combat mission earning him a Distinguished Flying Cross and a place in aviation history. His courageous flight proved once and for all the true value of stealth and long range strike.

After his historic flight Colonel Single served on the Joint Staff in the Force Integration Branch. He went on to command the 5th Operations Group at Minot Air Force Base, ND and the 40th Air Expeditionary Operations Group on Diego Garcia, BIOT. Prior to his current assignment in Air Force Global Power Acquisition, Col Single served as the Vice Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, MO.

Colonel Single is a Command Pilot with over 5200 hours. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster; Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Aerial

Achievement Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Achievement Medal; Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal with bronze star; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Madam Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to Colonel Eric N. Single for his exceptional commitment to the United States Air Force and the United States of America.

MEDIA OUTLET FIRES JOURNALIST WHO CRITICIZED DEMOCRATS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, for journalists who criticize Democrats, the punishment can be severe.

ABC's Washington, DC affiliate recently fired veteran anchorman Doug McKelway after he broadcast a negative report about President Obama and congressional Democrats, according to the Washington Post.

During the Gulf oil spill, McKelway reported that an anti-oil demonstration attracted protesters from "far-left environmental groups."

He also mentioned that President Obama accepted over \$77,000 in campaign contributions from BP.

And he said that the Senate was unlikely to pass cap-and-trade legislation this year because Democrats don't want to "propose a huge escalation in your electric bill" before Election Day.

Although McKelway's comments were true, he was subsequently fired.

This is yet another example of the media protecting President Obama.

The media should give Americans the facts, not fire journalists who tell the truth.

COMMENDING JOEL WERNICK

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has greatly improved the medical community of Georgia, Joel Wernick.

For over 20 years, Mr. Wernick has served as president and CEO of Phoebe Putney Health System in Albany, Georgia. Through his stewardship, Phoebe Putney has thrived. The number of physicians has doubled. The facility has grown by several million square feet, and state-of-the-art technologies are now available to the patients.

Phoebe Putney Health System is the region's largest employer, and is comprised of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, a 450-bed tertiary care teaching hospital and Phoebe Worth Medical Center, a critical access rural hospital. Phoebe Putney Health System also manages the Southwest Georgia Regional Medical Center, Georgia's first critical access hospital, in Cuthbert, Georgia. Phoebe Putney

oversees the Southwest Georgia Family Medicine Residency and is the site for the Medical College of Georgia's first satellite clinical campus.

In 2008, Phoebe Putney Health System helped to rebuild and expand the Sumter hospital in Americus, Georgia, after it was destroyed by a tornado; Sumter Regional Hospital is now Phoebe Sumter Medical Center and is a diversified health care system, complete with Inpatient and Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services, Outpatient Surgery Services, Hospice, Rural Health Care Centers, Migrant Health, School Nurse Program and numerous physician specialties and office practices.

Through Mr. Wernick's excellent guidance, Phoebe has been recognized nationally for excellence in clinical quality, operations and community health. In 2004, Phoebe was presented the prestigious American Hospital Association's Foster G. McGaw Prize. Additionally, the health system became the first hospital recipient of a Discovery Health Channel Medical Honor. Phoebe also has won three Voluntary Hospitals of America, VHA Leadership Awards and the American Hospital Association's Nova Award for an innovative teen pregnancy prevention program.

Mr. Wernick is a native of Arkansas and a proud Razorback, receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas, and earned his master's degree in hospital administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He is married to Stacy Wernick, née Paul. They have one daughter, Lilly Katherine. Besides his involvement with multiple local, state and national organizations, he takes time to teach as a member of the Georgia Southwestern MBA faculty. He has been a Rotarian since 1982, and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Wernick is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and is director of the VHA. He is also on the board of VHA-Georgia, the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals, and he is Chairman of the Medical Resource Network, a statewide managed care network. Mr. Wernick is actively involved in many local civic and economic development initiatives. He currently chairs the Southwest Georgia Alliance for Progress, a regional coalition to strengthen economic, educational and cultural infrastructures.

Madam Speaker, Joel Wernick has greatly contributed to the lives of those in his community and across the State of Georgia through his leadership of Phoebe Putney. This year, he has been recognized by Georgia Trend magazine for his significant contributions, having been named one of the State's top 25 leaders. According to Georgia Trend, he "has guided the hospital to a period of historic growth in staff, revenues and new services, and has expanded the facility's presence in vastly underserved areas in Southwest Georgia." For his dedication to our region, I wish to commend and congratulate an outstanding leader and my friend, Mr. Joel Wernick, on this significant accomplishment.

MARKING "TED HOGAN DAY"

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on September 18, 2010, the city of Crane, Texas honored one of her own by proclaiming "Ted Hogan Day." Today, it is my distinct pleasure to mark that day here in the United States House of Representatives.

Ted Hogan, Sr. was honored for his outstanding citizenship and his loyalty to the people of Crane, but his true worth to his community goes far beyond that.

As an active member of the Crane Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, the Masons, and several local churches, Mr. Hogan was a fixture in Crane, constantly devoting his time to make his hometown a safe, friendlier, and more prosperous city. I am particularly proud to brag on Mr. Hogan's work on behalf of the children and young adults in Crane.

Through the Boy Scouts, the Masons, his church, and more, Mr. Hogan has devoted his life to lifting and building up the next generation of Americans. His work has helped sick children receive medical care, turn boys into men, and give a moral foundation to the young people in his church. Every citizen in Crane, young and old, has benefitted from Mr. Hogan's generosity with his time and wisdom. It is a fitting tribute that they chose to honor him and the work he has done.

It is one of my great pleasures as a Member of Congress to share brief sketches of the life's work of my constituents with the Members of this House, and Mr. Hogan is no different. He is part of a generation of Americans who understood that our country can only be great if we give more than we take and we invest in the institutions that serve future generations of Americans. Our nation would be a better place if more Americans walked in his footsteps.

On behalf of the citizens of the 11th district of Texas, I would like to echo our neighbors in Crane and thank Mr. Hogan for his service to God, his family, and his community. I am humbled to be able to represent him in the halls of Congress.

CONGRATULATING ALTOONA CURVE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the Altoona Curve on winning the 2010 championship of Minor League Baseball's Eastern League.

The Altoona Curve is a Double-A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates that began play in Altoona in 1999. This is the Curve's first title after four previous trips to the league playoffs.

The Curve are a hit in Central Pennsylvania. The franchise was named minor league baseball's best in 2006, and the team continues to provide great entertainment during the summer months for hundreds of thousands of loyal fans.

I would especially like to recognize Curve owner and Altoona native Bob Lozinak, his front office staff, manager Matt Walbeck, and the many Curve players this year who helped make 2010 a championship season in Altoona.

An entire region says thank you, congratulations on this accomplishment, and best wishes for continued success on and off the field.

CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER
GENERAL DAVID J. ELICERIO

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brigadier General David J. Elicerio of Ham Lake, Minnesota, upon being named the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Commander. The Red Bulls hold a special place in the hearts of all Minnesotans, and I'm so pleased to congratulate Brigadier General Elicerio on his new role with the Minnesota National Guard.

Brigadier General Elicerio has served in the Minnesota National Guard for 30 years including a peacekeeping mission to Bosnia and two tours in Iraq. His leadership capabilities have led to a decorated career and a distinguished reputation in the Guard. From his experience as a senior staff member and having commanded troops at the company, battalion and brigade levels, Brigadier General Elicerio will bring a wealth of experience that I know will maintain the enormous confidence we have in our troops.

Madam Speaker, I ask this body to join me in recognizing Brigadier General Elicerio on this special occasion and to express our gratitude for his service and the sacrifices his family has made in dedication to preserving freedom in America.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF
EASTERN OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise on the occasion of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon's inaugural journey of 10 of Oregon's World War II veterans to visit their memorial here in Washington, DC. On behalf of a grateful delegation, state, and country, we welcome these heroes.

The veterans on this initial flight from Eastern Oregon are World War II veterans: Bob L. Hemstreet, U.S. Army; Raymond "Ray" J. Kuhn, U.S. Navy; Lavonne "Vonnice" I. Kuhn, U.S. Navy; Arthur "Art" C. Krantz, U.S. Army; Walter "Walt" D. Goodman, U.S. Navy; Gifford S. Hulse, U.S. Army; Leonard "Lenny" V. Morse, U.S. Army Air Force; Minnie "Marie" M. Colombari, U.S. Navy; David A. House, U.S. Army Air Force; and Henry "Milt" M. Prowell, U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker, these 10 veterans from Oregon are joining over 35,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have been transported from their home states to our

Nation's capital at absolutely no cost to them or their families, to visit and reflect at memorials built here in their honor.

The fact that these soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen would uproot themselves from their homes and families and put themselves in harm's way for our country is very humbling. The sacrifices they—and the families they left behind—made are truly incredible. The debt of gratitude we owe them can never be repaid, for without their honor, courage, commitment, and above all—sacrifice we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Please join me in thanking these Oregon veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon for their dedication, commitment, and service to this great Nation.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 99TH
NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, October 10, 2010, heralds 99 years of the Republic of China (Taiwan). I would like to offer my congratulations and best wishes to the people of Taiwan in commemoration of this 99th National Day.

Taiwan is one of the United States' strongest allies and is dedicated to the principles of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. I was deeply honored to meet with Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou at the beginning of this year, and I hope to someday welcome him and Taiwan's other high-level elected and appointed officials to our Nation's capital.

Moreover, in May I introduced H. Res. 1352, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Taiwanese American Heritage Week and recognizing the close relationship between the United States and Taiwan. Taiwanese Americans have played a critical role in strengthening the fabric of American society and in deepening the friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

In celebration of the 2010 Double Tenth National Day, it is my hope that the United States, Taiwan, and the People's Republic of China can continue to work together to promote enduring peace and prosperity across the Taiwan Strait.

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL
TRADEMARK EXPO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) National Trademark Expo. In a time of ongoing challenges for the American and global economy, I want to join the USPTO in its efforts to recognize the vital role trademarks play in the economy. The 2008 and 2009 National Trademark Expos were very successful and well-attended by the trademark

community and public at large. This year's two-day event will be held on Friday, October 15th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, October 16th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. The purpose of the Expo is to educate the public about the value and important role trademarks play in our society and the global marketplace.

Trademarks are words, names, symbols, sounds, or colors that identify and distinguish the goods and services of one party from those of others. The National Trademark Expo will display different types of trademarks such as sound marks and trademarks that identify shapes and configurations of products and will feature company booths, themed displays, costumed characters, and inflatables. Banners will feature information on century-old registered trademarks, the historical evolution and transformation of trademarks, and the history of people behind certain trademarks. The Expo will also feature children's workshops, story time and guided tours. Educational lectures for adults will include lectures on Intellectual Property for Small Businesses, "Why Buy 'Legit': About Counterfeit Goods," "How to File a Trademark," "Top Mistakes in Trademark Applications and How to Best Avoid Them," and "Trademarks 101." A video made to instruct pro se applicants will play in the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum throughout the Expo. Also, the Museum's current exhibit highlights important food trademarks throughout the years.

During the Trademark Expo, costumed trademarked characters will introduce themselves during the opening ceremony and make appearances throughout the Expo, joining the USPTO's own Trademark character, T. Markey. A new cast of characters, including Clifford the Big Red Dog®, Lorax®, GEICO's Gecko®, Chick-Fil-A's® cow, The Berenstain Bears®, Dippin' Dots®, and a 5-Hour Energy® bottle character will join veteran Expo characters Pillsbury's Doughboy®, Hershey's Kisses®, Hershey's® milk chocolate bar, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups®, Crayola® crayons' mascot Tip, Betty Boop®, Dennis the Menace®, Popeye®, Olive Oyl®, Curious George®, and Sprout®. Large inflatable characters, including the Michelin® man, The Cat in the Hat®, Green Giant®, NFL® football players, collegiate mascots, and Chick-Fil-A's® cow will once again transform the USPTO's campus into a "Trademark Theme Park". Caterpillar® equipment and a NASCAR® show car for 5-Hour Energy® will also decorate the grounds. A story time featuring literary trademarked characters sponsored by Hooray for Books!, a local children's bookstore, will help tell the story of the prevalence of trademarks in our daily lives.

On average, people are exposed to 1,500 trademarks each day and more than 30,000 if they make a trip to the grocery store. In a time of globalization, counterfeit goods pose an increasing threat to American businesses. A display of counterfeit goods alongside authentic goods, as well as an anti-counterfeiting lecture, will highlight the damaging effects of counterfeit goods on the economy as well as the USPTO's anti-counterfeiting efforts. Counterfeit goods cost the United States billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs annually as well as undermining consumer confidence in brand integrity when purchasers encounter knock-off goods of inferior quality.

Some of America's leading large corporations, small businesses, governmental agencies, and non-profits will highlight the various types of trademarks and the benefits of Federal trademark registration. The exhibitors include CMG Worldwide Corporation; International Trademark Association, Inc. (INTA); U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA); National IPR Coordination Center, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP); Wells Fargo & Company; Innovation Ventures, LLC; American Intellectual Property Law Association, Inc. (AIPLA); Elevation Burger (Elevation Franchise Ventures, LLC); Idaho Potato Commission; Pepsom Group, Inc.; Dippin' Dots, Inc.; Caterpillar, Inc.; CFA Properties, Inc.; The Travelers Companies, Inc.; Hillerich & Bradsby Co. (Louisville Slugger); The Hershey Company; GED Testing Service; and GEICO.

The Trademark Expo will emphasize USPTO's role in reviewing trademark applications and issuing Federal trademark registrations. American innovation and its associated intellectual property are critical to job creation and economic recovery. Through the registration of trademarks, the USPTO assists businesses in protecting their investments, promoting goods and services in the U.S. and around the world, and safeguarding consumers against confusion and deception in the marketplace. I applaud the USPTO for its continued efforts to educate the public on the role of trademarks through the National Trademark Expo. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the USPTO at this time when trademark protection and intellectual property rights play an increasingly important role in our global economy. And, I encourage the public and my fellow Members and their staff to bring their family and friends to this family-friendly and free event.

HONORING THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of Saint Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

The foundations of St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church began in the late 19th Century when Eastern European immigrants came to Northeastern Pennsylvania to work in its mining industries.

The first group of western Ukrainian immigrants settled in Hazleton in the 1880s.

In 1910 a small group of Ukrainian immigrants purchased a church in Hazleton from the local Lithuanian community for \$5,700, and established St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Despite limited resources and through hard labor, the founders paid back the debt they owed in one year.

The Church initially had 70 member families in 1910, and by 1912 that number had doubled.

The Church, however, was in great need of repairs. Over the next 100 years, the members of the Church and its leadership would undertake extensive renovations to upgrade and maintain their place of worship.

The first renovations began in the 1920s, when Rev. Joseph Boyarchuk led the congregation to paint the interior of the Church. In 1926, despite continued hard economic times, Rev. Lawrence Zakrevsky led a renovation of the exterior of the Church.

After a fire damaged the Church in 1935, the exterior was again replaced in the 1940s under the guidance of Rev. Andrew Ulicky, and in 1949, a new tile floor was added.

During the 1950s, the interior was redecorated under Father Shymansky, and a \$4,000 iconostasis was installed.

After St. Michael's Church was rededicated in 1954, further renovations continued. In 1957 the roof was replaced, and during the 1970s new doors were added and renovations were made to the property's sidewalks.

In honor of the Church's 75th anniversary in 1985, the windows were replaced and the Church's interior was again repainted.

Under the current leadership of Monsignor James Melnic, upgrades and renovations have continued to the building and its grounds.

On Sunday, October 31, 2010 the Church will celebrate its centennial anniversary with a Pontifical Divine Liturgy.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this milestone. Over the past 100 years, the dedicated members of St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church have demonstrated great pride in preserving the religious community that their ancestors worked so hard to create.

HONORING HAROLD SHAW

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Harold Shaw. Harold, a retired U.S. Coast Guard chief warrant officer and special education teacher at Lawrence Junior High School in Fairfield, Maine, has recently received recognition from the Troops to Teachers program. The Troops to Teachers program recruits quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout America and assists military personnel as they transition to careers in teaching. Since its authorization in 1993, nearly ten thousand troops have participated in the Troops to Teachers program and brought unique expertise and insight to our classrooms nationwide.

Our veterans are called upon to learn extensive skills which they then need to teach to junior military comrades. They develop incredible patience, perseverance and leadership skills throughout their honorable service, and I cannot think of any group of individuals in our society that would be better equipped to handle the responsibility and honor of shaping the minds of the future in our Nation's classrooms.

Since starting at Lawrence Junior High School, Harold has used those skills everyday, and his classroom has become a safe haven for students. As his students and colleagues can attest, Harold is an exemplary teacher

and has successfully helped reluctant students to read and write with confidence. Moreover, as someone who knows the meaning of hard work, Harold has continued to challenge himself and has worked to find innovative ways to use technology as a teaching tool in his special education classroom.

By choosing to teach after serving in the military, Harold has continued his public service and made a lasting difference in his community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Harold Shaw for his dedication and service to his country and community.

THE REAUTHORIZATION OF
JOHANNA'S LAW

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of an important bill that enjoys strong and consistent bipartisan support—the reauthorization of Johanna's Law through 2014. This is an important vote. It will help to raise awareness of the warning signs for ovarian cancer. And it will, put simply, save lives.

Better awareness might have helped Johanna Silver Gordon—in whose honor the bill is named. Johanna lost her life to ovarian cancer despite being a health conscious woman who visited the gynecologist regularly. Like many women, Johanna had symptoms and clinical signs of ovarian cancer that were missed by both her and her healthcare provider. And her sister, Sheryl Silver, was determined never to let another sister, mother, daughter or friend go through the same thing.

This bill will help to make that happen. It reauthorizes the existing CDC program that educates women and their health care providers about the symptoms of ovarian cancer. And it includes new support for other organizations to carry out complementary education and awareness campaigns in order to get the word out about this terrible disease.

I want to thank Congressmen Darrell Issa, Dan Burton, and Sandy Levin for their committed leadership on this issue. And I urge my colleagues to vote for this legislation. As Johanna's family can tell you, it really will make a difference.

H.R. 6193, THE FOSTER YOUTH
FINANCIAL SECURITY ACT

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, last week I introduced H.R. 6193, the Foster Youth Financial Security Act. This legislation will prepare foster youth who are transitioning to adulthood to properly manage their finances and provide greater protections of their financial information while they are under the care of the state.

Foster children are disproportionately victims of identity theft because their personal information passes through many hands, increasing the chances that someone will open

an account in their name or use their Social Security Number (SSN). This bill would require that all foster children have their credit reports reviewed, and cleared if there is an inaccuracy, prior to leaving care. It would also end the use of a child's SSN as an identifier. Currently, there is no available data on how many children have been affected by identity theft; this legislation will track the number of stolen identities by state. The bill allows the states to obtain assistance from both the Department of Health and Human Services and the Federal Trade Commission on how best to protect their foster youth.

This legislation will also strengthen the financial security of foster youth and empower them to make responsible financial decisions as adults. Research shows that current and former foster youth are more likely to forego higher education, be in poor health, become homeless, and rely on public supports as adults. This legislation would provide resources for a successful transition to adulthood by helping foster youth obtain a driver's license or state identification card, obtain auto insurance, open a bank account, and apply for student loans. This bill would also help foster youth determine if they are eligible for federal or state benefits and provide them with information on accessing health care and safe and affordable housing. Financial literacy classes would be available for foster children and their foster parents.

The Foster Youth Financial Security Act also provides seed money for each state to set up Individual Development Accounts for foster youth so they leave care with a nest egg to pay for housing, education, and job training. This bill would provide \$45 million for the states to carry out the above initiatives and an additional \$5 million for technical assistance.

I would like to thank my colleague, Congressman STARK, for joining me on this bill, as well as introducing H.R. 6192, the Foster Children Self Support Act, of which I'm a proud original cosponsor. These bills will provide foster youth with the tools they need and deserve to become successful adults.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Breast Cancer Awareness Month beginning Friday, October 1, 2010. This month also marks the 20th anniversary of the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), which provides breast health services to underserved women.

Breast cancer will strike 1.3 million women this year and kill almost 500,000 in the U.S. African American, Native American and Hispanic women are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced stages of cancer than white women, and the death rates for African American women are about 17% higher than those of white women. Even with the increase of breast cancer among minorities, there are 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. today—a testament to the power of edu-

cation, early detection and advances in treatment.

Because early detection is the key to surviving breast cancer, NBCCEDP has provided breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostics and case management services to low-income, uninsured women for the past two decades.

In 2009, NBCCEDP screened almost 325,000 women for breast cancer and detected 4,600 breast cancers. If those 4,600 women diagnosed with cancer last year did not use the NBCCEDP, they would have likely been diagnosed at later stages with larger tumors, when cancer is harder to treat and more deadly.

Despite efforts to eliminate disparities in breast cancer related care, substantial disparities remain, which is why I am proud to be the sponsor of H.R. 2279, the Eliminating Disparities of Breast Cancer Treatment Act, along with Representative DONNA CHRISTENSEN. This act ensures that every breast cancer patient, regardless of health insurance status, race, income, or educational background, receives adequate care through the development of standard best practices for breast cancer treatment.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we support the health and wellness of all women and continue to close the gaps in treatment among minorities by recognizing the month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

HONORING THE BENZINGER FAMILY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor the Benzinger family, whose economic, environmental, and philanthropic contributions in the Sonoma Valley have earned its businesses due recognition as 2010 Sonoma Valley Business of the Year. Both Benzinger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery have pioneered a sustainable approach to agriculture and a humanitarian approach to business. Their active presence continues to strengthen and enrich Sonoma Valley communities.

Starting in the mid-1990s, Benzinger Family Winery began its transition into biodynamic agriculture. They eliminated chemicals and other artificial elements in favor of a more holistic and organic method that capitalizes on the vitality of a vineyard that is allowed to thrive in a natural state. Benzinger Family Winery has even been recognized by the National Resources Defense Council for its water conservation strategies. Imagery Estate Winery was founded in the same tradition, and the result is not only a greener footprint, but richer and more distinctive products that embody their unique places of origin. Indeed, Benzinger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery have earned reputations as producers of exceptional quality not only in California, but worldwide.

The Benzinger family has brought the same care and commitment to its active role in Sonoma Valley communities, supporting local charities and volunteerism. It has been par-

ticularly instrumental in supporting Becoming Independent, a North Bay nonprofit dedicated to empowering people with developmental disabilities, and its wineries are a regular presence at the Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction. Earlier this year, Benzinger Family Winery also joined with the local Red Cross to support earthquake relief efforts in Haiti and in Chile.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join us in thanking the Benzinger family for its contributions to Sonoma Valley and in congratulating its wineries on their success and well deserved recognition. Benzinger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery are powerful examples of the value of community-minded business, and Sonoma Valley is stronger because of them.

HONORING PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin.

Since 1935, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin has provided access to quality reproductive healthcare for women and men across the state. Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin plays an essential role in providing both reproductive healthcare for all and comprehensive sexual education. Additionally, they advocate tirelessly for women's reproductive rights statewide.

In 1935, the first birth control health center in Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin, the Maternal Health Center, opened its doors. For the first time, women, men and families statewide had access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive healthcare. Nearly 15 years later, the Maternal Health Center affiliated with the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, defining their role as one of the lead reproductive healthcare providers in the state of Wisconsin. In 1964, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin opened its first of many new neighborhood health centers, and in 1971 the organization officially became a statewide affiliate with 17 clinics opening throughout Wisconsin in the 1970s. By the mid-1980s, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin had 30 health centers open statewide. Presently, there are 27 health centers, which provide care to over 70,000 patients, and education staff, which provide educational programming to over 14,000 patrons.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin's mission is to empower all individuals to manage their sexual and reproductive health through patient services, education and advocacy. For 75 years, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin staff, donors and volunteers have helped to provide reproductive healthcare for all who need it, including those who cannot afford care. Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin continues to be at the forefront of sexual education and equips women, men and teens across the state with the knowledge they need to promote healthier, safer lifestyles.

For exceptional service to communities across the state, I would like to thank and honor Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin and congratulate them on celebrating their 75th anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF CARROLLTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of the founding of Carrollton Christian Academy (CCA) in Carrollton, Texas. Since 1980, CCA has provided a first-class education to hundreds of students. Its expansions since opening include serving students across the world with its international program, begun in 2002. The school, which truly lives its mandate to provide a quality secular and theological education, has become a staple in the area and a boon to all who benefit from its creation and growth.

Under the leadership of director Constance Waddell, then-Sonshine Christian Preschool added a kindergarten program two years after inception. In 1985, it officially incorporated, and was re-named under its current designation. By 1994, only 14 years after opening its doors, CCA graduated its first class and was forced to expand due to increased interest. A new building—complete with classrooms, a gymnasium, and science and computer labs—was built, and opened in the fall of 1994. The school re-located in 2002 to its current location in Carrollton. Today, the school has an athletic field for football and soccer, and in June graduated 49 students.

There are many people to note for their contributions to CCA. In 1985, senior pastor Dr. Paul Morrell helped lead CCA to its renaming and incorporating. That fall, Dr. Morrell, Jeff Dixon, Carla Vaughn, and Marilyn Headley helped lead the school, and incorporators included Dr. Morrell, Ann Morrell, George Etier, Lamont Scarbrough, Carla Vaughn, John Collier, Cindy Shirley, and Doug Giffen. I thank these entrepreneurs for their efforts to improve the communities in which they lived.

I have experienced the high quality of CCA's education through my own children's attendance. Three of my four children went to CCA, and as a parent I could not be prouder of the experiences they received. In both formal education and theological growth, the benefits of CCA are seen every day in the hundreds of graduates and the positive influences those graduates have on their world. It is with great pleasure and pride that I ask all of my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating CCA for over a generation full of successful work for education in both the secular and religious traditions.

HONORING KIA SHAW, LAND
O'LAKE, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ms. Kia Shaw of Land O'Lakes, Florida. Kia recently received the distinguished title of National American Miss Florida and is the found-

er of Tampa Bay Teens on a Mission. TBTOAM is a community service organization which seeks volunteer opportunities for children. This organization currently has a total of 115 members. Ms. Shaw has proven to be a leader in youth involvement and has created a gateway for children to be actively involved in our community.

She has devoted her time and talents in the last ten months with more than 200 hours of community service; including service to such organizations as the Boys and Girls Club of America, YMCA, Metropolitan Ministries, Pinellas County African-American History Museum, Mount Calvary Deliverance Church, Lake Myrtle Baptist Church, "Dress for Success", Junior achievement, "Soles4Soles" and the St. Joseph's Children's Hospital where she donated \$152.00 from her birthday money and over 100 stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons.

Kia Shaw is an incredible example that the leaders of tomorrow are already making a lasting impact in our community today. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Kia Shaw for her accomplishments, thanking her for her dedication and wishing her all the very best in the very bright future that lies ahead.

RECOGNITION OF CPL. LARRY A.
DRAUGHN, JR. OF DAYTON, OHIO

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American hero, United States Marine Cpl. Larry A. Draughn Jr. of Dayton, Ohio. On May 30th, 2009, while out on patrol in Afghanistan, Cpl. Draught lost both legs and nearly lost his life during an IED explosion. I would like to thank him for his service to his country and place this poem, penned in honor of him by Albert Carey Caswell, in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

O . . . HI . . . O

O . . . HI . . . O

Are, all of those men who into the face of hell must go!

Marines, like Larry . . . whose courage upon battlefields of honor shows!

Shows us all, how high . . . to what new heights a soul can grow!

Who stand, so very high as do all of those!

For from this great Buckeye State, have but come such Marines with names so great!

Like the Right Stuff, John Glenn . . . Lima Company . . . all of those magnificent men who await!

Men, who go where Angels so fear to tread . . . who all for our nation have so died

And bled . . .

As upon battlefields of honor, their brilliant blood ran red!

Strength In Honor, Uhraah Jar Head!

For Cpl. Draughn, for us you went into that valley of death. . . .

All for God and Country, as was your fine life was so pledged!

And on that morning when you awoke, and found your loss . . . as to you it spoke!

With your two fine legs gone, all that you had left was but your faith and hope!

As on the edge of death, your fine life lie barely left. . . .

As once again, you began a new most heroic quest!

To rebuild somehow, where none lies left!

Day by Day . . . Step by Step . . . as defeat you Marine, would not accept!

For you've got a life to lead and live . . . as you got up. . . . As gained speed!

For Marines Do . . . For Marines Succeed!

And for each other, they will so sacredly live, die and bleed!

As to new heights on this day Larry, all of us you so lead!

Teaching Us . . . Beseeching Us So . . . O . . . HI . . . O, Larry high are you so!

As all in one short year, your strength . . . your courage, has so appeared!

For you are the kind of Son, any father would endear!

Showing us all how high, and far a heart can go . . .

Yes, Maximus . . . you are O . . . HI . . . O!

HONORING THE CITY OF
BURKESVILLE, KENTUCKY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the bicentennial celebration of the town of Burkesville, Kentucky. I wish to recognize the town of Burkesville's history and its cultural contribution to our country.

Founded by Samuel Burkes, an early settler from Virginia, Burkesville has embodied small town virtues, patriotism, hard work, and the spirit of helping one's neighbor for just over 200 years. As a city on the border of Kentucky, Burkesville played an integral part in the American Civil War and the Cumberland River on the city's southern border served as a major natural barrier between opposing forces during the war.

In the present day, the Cumberland River has provided the City of Burkesville an economic engine due to its excellent recreation and the tourism it provides. Also known for its tourism and bass fishing is the Dale Hollow Lake located just south of Burkesville. Within the great state of Kentucky Burkesville is seen as a place that shows the pure heart and true character of the United States. Everyone who has had the pleasure to set foot within the City's old fashioned town square, myself included, has been able to appreciate the history that this unique town represents.

Madam Speaker, the City of Burkesville is an integral part of Kentucky's history and it is an honor for me to bring this great town to the attention of this House.

RECOGNIZING THE 99TH
ANNIVERSARY OF TAIWAN

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, on October 10th, the Republic of China and Taiwanese Americans will celebrate National Day. The holiday, also known as Double Ten Day, marks the start of an uprising that led to the establishment of the Republic of China. Similar to Independence Day here, National Day is celebrated with parades and firework displays.

As the Republic of China, or as most Americans know it—Taiwan, celebrates its 99th anniversary, the people of Taiwan have much to be proud of. Taiwan is a modern democracy with a strong, advanced economy, and a proud culture.

But, like most any other country, Taiwan must remain vigilant in defending its 23 million citizens. Since passage of the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979, the United States has been an ally of Taiwan, helping it meet its defensive needs. Working in partnership, we can continue to meet the security challenges in East Asia to ensure peace and stability.

I therefore, urge all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Taiwan on its proud 99-year history.

FREEDOM TEMPLE OF ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the tenth anniversary of Freedom Temple Ministries in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The Church was founded on October 8, 2000, as a group of 38 people began "Preparing for the Promise" on the campus of Winthrop University. Freedom Temple Ministries now calls 215 Main Street in Rock Hill its home. The structure, called The Freedom Center, includes a sanctuary which seats 700, a gymnasium with a walking track, and 65 classrooms. Various youth and community outreach programs are housed here and the congregation looks forward to making the facility an intricate part of the Rock Hill community. Today, Pastor Herbert C. Crump, Jr. leads the congregation. Freedom Temple Ministries has made a significant impact on the spiritual wellbeing of its followers and will continue to serve God and country for years to come.

HONORING DR. VENKAT RAO

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Venkat Rao. On Saturday, October 30th, the Genesee County Medical Society will honor its outgoing president, Dr. Venkat Rao, at their annual Presidents' Ball to be held in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Dr. Rao graduated from Guntar Medical School College and completed his residency and pulmonology fellowship in Chicago. After serving on the faculties of Loyola University School of Medicine and at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Dr. Rao practiced medicine in Peoria, Illinois from 1986 to 1992. He relocated to the Flint area and now specializes in pulmonology-critical care and sleep medicine.

Active with the Genesee County Medical Society for many years, Dr. Rao is a member of the Board of Directors, represents Genesee and Shiawassee Counties on the Michigan State Medical Society Board of Directors, serves as a delegate to the Michigan State

Medical Society House of Delegates and has served on several American Medical Association committees. Deeply committed to enhancing the overall health of people, Dr. Rao works to end the morbidity triangle of obesity, diabetes and smoking.

Married to Dr. Rama Devi Rao, the couple has two children. Daughter, Hima, and son, Bharat, are both pursuing careers as physicians.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work, dedication and enthusiasm of Dr. Venkat Rao as he steps down as president of the Genesee County Medical Society. I admire his commitment to improving the lives of physicians and his compassion for his patients. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE BROADCOM MASTERS PROGRAM

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CAMPBELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Broadcom, one of the world's leading chip makers with headquarters in my congressional district, on their announcement of the Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars), a science fair program designed for students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

The Broadcom Foundation has partnered with the Society for Science and the Public, SSP, to sponsor and run science fairs, which will involve over 100,000 students from over 350 SSP science fairs around the nation.

Of all those participating, judges will nominate 7,500 contestants to compete and, from that group, they will select 300 semi-finalists. Once the semi-finalists compete, 30 students will be chosen for the finals, which will occur in Washington, DC, in the fall of 2011.

The winner will receive a \$25,000 scholarship from the Henry Samueli Foundation—Mr. Samueli is the founder of Broadcom.

I commend Broadcom for its efforts to provide this exciting opportunity for middle school students to showcase their interest in science, technology, engineering and math—what is commonly referred to as STEM education.

STEM education is an area in which the United States led the world for many years, but lately, has been consistently outperformed by several countries. This must not continue. America literally cannot afford to lag behind our competitors in math and science education. There are serious consequences for this failure and they impact the future of this country. We must be proactive in addressing the crisis of a shrinking next generation of American engineers, scientists, mathematicians, and chip makers, like those that propel a company such as Broadcom to success.

Programs like the Broadcom MASTERS will help to both ignite the imaginations of American students and show that math and science have fascinating applications in the real world.

Madam Speaker, I want to express my thanks to the Broadcom Foundation and the Society for Science and the Public for their continued good works, and I look forward to these exciting and inspiring science fairs.

TRIBUTE TO THE POINT BREEZE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Point Breeze Fire Department in honor of its centennial anniversary. The Point Breeze Fire Department has provided a hundred years of service to the beachside communities of Breezy Point, Roxbury, and Rockaway Point, which are located on the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, New York, the most populous barrier island in the country.

The Point Breeze Fire Department was established in 1910 and is one of the ten remaining volunteer fire departments in the city of New York. The original department had an operating charter for fifteen years, and in 1976 the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department was officially incorporated and recognized as a fire department by Mayor Abraham Beam.

The first fire house was located on Hillcrest Walk near Point Breeze Avenue, facing the bay. It was a wooden structure built above the sand that contained two hose reels and a large, mounted CO₂ extinguisher, all of which had to be pulled manually by the members to a scene of a fire. In 1938 another firehouse was built at 32 Point Breeze Avenue. It would remain the department's headquarters until 1975. The current home of the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department, constructed that same year is a modern facility that facilitates the needs of an effective fire department.

The neighborhoods protected by the Point Breeze Fire Department are geographically challenging. The Breezy Point Cooperative is surrounded on two sides by the Atlantic Ocean and on one side by Jamaica Bay. The residential homes are mostly located in the sand and require four wheel drive vehicles to reach them.

The Point Breeze Fire Department has assisted in several marine rescue operations, including the rescue of stranded fisherman and over 300 passengers from a ship named *The Golden Venture* in 1993. The department bravely responded to the World Trade Center attacks on September 11, 2001 and continued to assist the FDNY and NYPD in its rescue efforts at Ground Zero. Only a few months later the department was one of the first companies at the scene of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in Belle Harbor.

Today Chief Martin J. Ingram and seventy-five members of the department are responsible for protecting and serving the Breezy Point community. The Point Breeze Fire Department responds to over 125 calls a year which are emergencies such as brush, car, and structure fires; car accidents; floods; storm-related accidents; downed power lines; boats in distress; and blackouts.

Point Breeze Fire Department and all of its members have faithfully served the many communities of the Rockaway peninsula. They have provided necessary services to an isolated part of New York City that rarely receives the attention it deserves. I am pleased to congratulate the department on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

IN TRIBUTE TO BILL NIX

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to my dear friend, and great Arkansan, Bill Nix. Bill spent his whole life in Arkansas as a cattleman, and was a friend to everyone he met. Regretfully, he passed away earlier this year and leaves behind a wonderful family, great memories, and a great many friends who will miss him forever. I ask my colleagues to stand with me and honor a man whom everyone was lucky to have known.

From the start, Bill was committed to Arkansas. He grew up in Ash Flat in Sharp County, Arkansas, which he would continue to call home for the rest of his life. After graduating from Ash Flat public school, Bill bought the Ash Flat Livestock Auction in 1958. To this day, the business continues to flourish.

Bill was always very involved in county and district fair boards, as well as the Cattlemen's Association. He always participated in Future Farmers of America livestock sales, where children would play the part of the cattle and hog sellers. Bill had a loving habit of always over-compensating the children for their cattle and hogs—he loved the livestock business and was always trying to encourage others to come into the business.

Above all else, family was the most important thing in the world to Bill. They stood by each other even in business. He and his wife, Alice, and their children worked side by side in the Sale Barn, which Alice continues to own and operate today. Through this labor of love, it is no wonder that this is the most successful business in the history of the city of Ash Flat.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH C. "PAPA JOE" SMIDDY

HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOUCHER. Madam Speaker, Joseph C. "Papa Joe" Smiddy is truly a legend in southwest Virginia and beyond. Known for his folksy humor, Dr. Smiddy is widely revered for his endeavors on behalf of the University of Virginia's College at Wise (formerly known as Clinch Valley College), the college that he guided through its infancy and through years of growth as it became the outstanding institution of higher learning that it is today.

Before Clinch Valley College was established in 1954, there were no public colleges in Virginia west of Radford, which made higher education out of reach for most residents of southwest Virginia. The only 4-year, state-supported college in far southwest Virginia, the University of Virginia's College at Wise is also the only branch of the University of Virginia in southwest Virginia. Under Dr. Smiddy's tutelage, the college became a 4-year institution in 1970 with the awarding of Bachelor of Arts degrees. Bachelor of Science degrees were awarded in 1973, and Bachelor of Science degrees in Nursing were first awarded in 1996. U.S. News & World Report ranks the college

as one of the south's top public liberal arts colleges. Dr. Smiddy's name and efforts will forever be linked to the success of the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

A native of Jellico, Tennessee, Dr. Joseph C. Smiddy began his career as an educator as a biology and chemistry teacher and band director. Later, he became a high school principal in Lee County, Virginia, after honorably serving his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II in New Caledonia and the Philippines. Dr. Smiddy was the first biology instructor at Clinch Valley College in 1954, continuing to teach there until 1984. He served as dean and director of the college before being named chancellor in 1968. Dr. Smiddy was forward-thinking in admitting African-American students to the college at a time when not many others were, and Clinch Valley College was co-educational a decade before the University of Virginia admitted women.

Since his retirement in 1985, Dr. Smiddy has continued to serve as ambassador for the University of Virginia's College at Wise and to work tirelessly on its behalf. Because of his efforts, innumerable students who would otherwise not have been able to do so have acquired a college education.

The numerous awards which Dr. Smiddy has received include the University of Virginia's College at Wise Alumni Association's Meritorious Achievement Award, the Wise County Outstanding Citizen Award, the Wise County Outstanding Educator Award, and the Kanto Award. He has been included in the Virginia Hall of Fame, and in 1981, he was named a laureate of the Virginia Cultural Laureate Center. Dr. Smiddy has received honorary doctorates from Lincoln Memorial University, his alma mater (1970); the University of Richmond (1975); and The College of William and Mary (1985).

Dr. Smiddy recently achieved an important milestone by celebrating his ninetieth birthday. He remains a vibrant member of the community of Wise where he lives with his wife, Reba. His daughter, the Honorable Elizabeth Smiddy Wills, is a juvenile and domestic relations court judge for the 30th judicial district of Virginia. His son, Dr. Joe Frank Smiddy, M.D., is a pulmonologist in Kingsport, Tennessee. An active Kiwanian for decades, Dr. Smiddy is also a lifetime deacon of Wise Baptist Church. He uses his gifts as musician and storyteller to share the music and history of the Appalachian Mountains with others not only in Virginia but across the United States and in several foreign countries. His renown as an educator will forever endure Joseph C. Smiddy to the citizens of far southwest Virginia and to all those whose lives have been touched by the institution to which he has dedicated himself, the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

HONORING MR. JOHN WERNER KLUGE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. John Werner Kluge, who recently passed away on September 7, 2010, in Charlottesville,

Virginia. Mr. Kluge's lifetime of achievements included being a world-renowned businessman and philanthropist, as well as a key contributor to our national security during the Second World War.

Mr. Kluge created Metromedia in 1960, which was the Nation's first major independent broadcasting entity, a conglomerate that grew to include seven television stations, 14 radio stations, the Harlem Globetrotters, the Ice Capades, radio paging and mobile telephones. Although his success as a businessman supplied him with vast wealth, acknowledged as the wealthiest man in America in 1989 by Forbes Magazine, he believed some of his greatest achievements came from the benefits society gained from his wide-ranging donations.

Mr. Kluge gave a total of more than \$63 million to the University of Virginia throughout his lifetime, which has allowed one of our Nation's most prestigious Universities to maintain itself in the top-tier of colleges nationwide. His donations to medical programs provided crucial aid to disabled and chronically ill children, while his involvement in prostate cancer research has led to groundbreaking advancements towards containing the disease once being detected. He also believed in the need for better end-of-life care, which led him and his wife, Tussi, to provide funding to establish professorships in the field at the University of Virginia. In 2000, his generosity even reached the Capitol through his \$73 million donation to the Library of Congress, of which he will always be remembered by the Kluge Prize for the Study of Humanities.

But perhaps his most important contribution was one that he is least known for. Mr. Kluge enlisted in the United States Army in 1940. In 1942, during World War II, he was promoted to Captain and appointed as the senior officer at the top secret military intelligence post located in Fort Hunt Park, along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The top secret post was known only by its mailing address, P.O. Box 1142. While there, Captain Kluge led the men and women at the post in reviewing top secret documents and performing interrogations of more than 4,000 important German prisoners of war. Through the efforts of his unit, our military was provided with crucial information that helped end World War II and give the United States an early advantage in the Cold War. Even more impressive were the tactics he used to obtain such information. Rather than physical torture, Captain Kluge honored the Geneva Convention by obtaining information from prisoners through earning their trust. It was a clear contrast from the approach we initially pursued with captured terrorists and suspected terrorists at Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib prisons. Through casual conversation, card games, and taking walks, he and his unit were able to extract vital information that led to the discovery of most of Germany's secret weapons programs that included research to develop the atomic bomb, the jet engine, and the V-2 rocket.

Madam Speaker, I wish to commend Mr. John W. Kluge on his lifelong accomplishments and contributions to society, as well as for the crucial service he provided our country with at a time of war. While he was a man of numerous successes, he was also a man of endless generosity. He refused to ask for recognition or acknowledgement for his numerous charitable donations, but instead preferred the

grins and smiles from those who knew him well. Mr. Kluge was not only an outstanding soldier and American, but most importantly an outstanding human being.

HONORING CAPTAIN RON SMITH

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Ron Smith, United States Navy, upon his retirement. His remarkable Navy medical career will end on October 8, 2010 but the fine innovations and the legacy of his work in the areas of psychiatry and addiction treatment will continue.

In short, his contributions to the field of political psychology, specifically Psychoanalysis and Alcoholism, are unmatched.

Upon graduation from Amarillo High School, Dr. Smith enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was soon after appointed to the United States Naval Academy, graduating with the class of 1966. He attended the University of Texas Medical School and completed an Internal Medicine residency at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine and Naval Hospital San Diego. Dr. Smith was the first physician trained in critical care medicine by the U.S. Navy, completing his fellowship at the University of Southern California Center for the Critically Ill in Los Angeles in 1976. He soon became one of the first physicians involved in Navy Alcohol treatment and with Captain Joe Pursch was instrumental in the founding of the Betty Ford Center.

He left the Navy in 1978 and as a civilian Dr. Smith founded the emergency medicine residency program at Loma Linda University Medical School. During this time, he and his brother Richard Smith worked together to start the Winners Foundation which offered free substance abuse treatment at Santa Anita and other race tracks in the Thoroughbred Racing industry throughout the world. His interest in addiction and recovery led to an interest in the psychological growth during the middle and mature years of life, which led him to complete his psychiatry training at Loma Linda, where he also taught emergency and critical care medicine.

He returned to active duty in 1992 as a psychoanalyst and contributed as medical consultant for the Honorable Jim Ramstad for the Ramstad-Wellstone bill which was eventually passed in 2008 as the Parity Act. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to accompany Dr. Smith in his capacity as an Emergency Physician on one of Senator ARLEN SPECTER's world-wide congressional delegations. Senator SPECTER enabled Dr. Smith to meet many world leaders and contribute significantly as a political psychologist.

Dr. Ronald Smith is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry, and Addiction Medicine. He completed his psychoanalytic training at the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute in Beverly Hills, California and has a Doctorate in Philosophy of Psychoanalysis. Since 2002, he has been annually recognized by the Consumer's Research Council as one of America's Top Psychiatrists in Psychoanalysis and Alcoholism.

Ron is married to Dr. Anita Alexandra Gadhia Smith, an accomplished author and practicing psychologist in Washington, D.C. They have three children and six grandchildren.

I wish Dr. Smith all the best as he continues his work in private practice and in his lobbying efforts for the treatment of our homeless and mentally ill in hospitals instead of jails, and for the decriminalization of addiction. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to serve with him.

HONORING CHRISTINE M. WISEMAN AND HER APPOINTMENT AS THE 19TH PRESIDENT OF SAINT XAVIER UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Christine M. Wiseman, who began serving as the 19th president of Saint Xavier University in Chicago on June 1, 2010. Her commitment to Catholic education and her strong credentials ensure that she will lead Saint Xavier University to new heights during her tenure.

President Wiseman has a long record of excellence in academia. Prior to her appointment at Saint Xavier, she was Provost and Professor of Law at Loyola University of Chicago. She directed the academic division at Loyola, which is the largest Catholic research institution in the United States. Before leaving for Loyola University in 2007, she served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Creighton University, where she led strategic planning and reaccreditation efforts. She was also Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Marquette University Law School and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University, making her the first woman to reach senior administration at Marquette. Her experience as a high-level administrator at Creighton University, Loyola University in Chicago and Marquette University will certainly benefit her as the leader of Saint Xavier.

The basis for a good education is quality instruction, and President Wiseman has a strong record in teaching as well. In 1991, she received the Marquette University Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. Her decades of teaching experience at Loyola, Marquette, and Creighton will help her make instruction a top priority at Saint Xavier University.

President Wiseman has also been honored multiple times for her public service. She was named the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union Volunteer Attorney of the Year in 1989 and the Spirit of the Law School recipient in 2003 at Marquette for being a role model to the school's students. Her commitment to public service and the disadvantaged will have a strong impact on the students of Saint Xavier University.

Saint Xavier University is a Catholic university with over 5,000 students and was founded in 1846 by the Sisters of Mercy. Its main campus is located in the Mt. Greenwood neighborhood of Chicago. The school was rated as one of the top 40 comprehensive master's uni-

versities in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report in 2009 and will only improve its academic and service standards under the guidance of their new President Christine Wiseman.

I ask you to join me in honoring President Christine Wiseman on her appointment as president of Saint Xavier University, and may she and the university enjoy many continuing years of prosperity and academic excellence.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON THEIR 99TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Taiwan as they celebrate their 99th anniversary on October 10, 2010. We are happy to see such a vibrant democracy blossoming in East Asia.

Due to the ubiquitous tension between Taiwan and China (neighbors across the Taiwan Straits) Taiwan's President Ma is in a very difficult position. Every day he must walk the tightrope between improving the relationship with mainland China and making sure that Taiwan does not lose its unique identity that makes their country so special.

To this end, President Ma is handling the challenge masterfully. Many areas of the relationship between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the People's Republic of China (mainland China) have improved dramatically since President Ma took office.

Without question, the most significant evidence of the improved relations between China and Taiwan is The Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA). This is a formal agreement between the two sides that aims to reduce commercial barriers and increase trade between the two countries. Three years ago this would not have been even thought of as possible, yet today this agreement is in effect as of September of this year.

Additionally, the following are further evidences the improving relationship between Taiwan and China:

Daily flights between the two countries are not only now occurring, but due to high demand, the number of flights and destinations have had to be increased.

China, who blocked Taiwan's access to participate in any part of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the last 38 years, has granted Taiwan the honor of observer status at the World Health Assembly (WHA) arm of the WHO.

Both China and Taiwan have agreed to share crime data and law enforcement services with one another to help reduce illegal activity in the area.

All of this has been done while still allowing Taiwan to operate as an independent nation with its own government, military and currency.

I ask my friends in Congress to congratulate Taiwan on their 99th anniversary as we hope to continue our friendship with them for their next 99 years.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEAS OF THE DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution supporting the goals and ideas of the Decade of Action for Road Safety. This is a critically important issue, as millions of people in every corner of the globe are affected by traffic accidents, inadequate public policies, and underdeveloped or neglected transportation infrastructure. The United States can take the lead in furthering the goals of the Decade of Action declared by the United Nations General Assembly, saving millions of lives and billions of dollars.

The leading cause of death for people ages 5 to 29 is not disease or war but road crashes. Nearly 1.3 million people are killed in road crashes every year and another twenty to fifty million are injured in traffic accidents. On average, over 1,000 people under the age of 25 die every single day on the world's roads. And these numbers are going up dramatically.

Madam Speaker, the world cannot afford such needless, heartbreaking losses. In addition to the catastrophic human costs—not only the lives lost but amongst their friends and families as well—road crashes cost the global community over \$518 billion a year, an enormous sum when you consider that many of the countries most plagued by road crashes are underdeveloped or developing nations.

The global community must build on the initial, important steps already taken to enhance international cooperation to improve road safety. In November 2009, the Moscow Declaration, signed by 150 countries, encouraged the establishment of a Decade of Action for Road Safety from 2011 to 2020, and laid the foundation for United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/255 adopted in March 2010. This U.N. resolution recognizes that the devastation caused by road crashes negatively impacts the social, economic, and health targets of the Millennium Development Goals, and reaffirms the importance of international collaboration during the Decade of Action.

It is critical that the nations of the world work together to stabilize and reduce traffic fatalities by taking advantage of opportunities at the global, national, regional, and local level. The United States can set an example for the rest of the world by improving transportation management, infrastructure, vehicle safety, education, and post-crash care and rehabilitation here at home. We must continue to support public policies designed to reduce key risk factors like speeding, drunk driving, distracted driving, and the failure of many Americans to use seat belts, child restraints, and other safety devices.

Madam Speaker, this Decade of Action for Road Safety has not been declared to merely raise awareness, but also to take action. We all use roads, cars, buses, and bicycles every day. It is easy to take our safety for granted. But too many tragedies remind us that road fatalities and injuries have an enormous impact on our lives. This resolution expresses the House of Representatives' support for the

Decade of Action and encourages the federal government to support efforts to reduce road fatalities, preventing needless deaths and injuries both here at home and around the world. I appreciate the support of my good friends Congressman CHRIS VAN HOLLEN and Congressman DAN BURTON on this matter, and urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

HONORING REV. ADOLPH NOBLE, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Adolph Noble, Sr., of Bainbridge, Georgia, a man I am proud to call my friend and constituent. He is an accomplished public servant who has devoted his life to his family and his community.

Rev. Noble was born August 22, 1955, in Thomasville, Georgia, to Smiley Noble and Betty Jean Noble née Melvins. He grew up in Southwest Georgia, and graduated from Bainbridge High School in 1973. After completing his studies in Mortuary Science at the John A. Gupton College in Atlanta, Georgia, he then went on to study at the Meadows College of Business in Albany, Georgia.

Upon successfully completing these academic endeavors, Rev. Noble began his lifelong call of ministering to others. He went on to study at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Tallahassee, Florida. From there, he has served his community as a pastor, ministering for over forty years.

Thirty of these years have been spent at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Bainbridge, with several years spent preaching at Patterson Street Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama. Rev. Noble continues to minister to both of these parishes today.

Rev. Noble is deeply involved in the many civic and religious affairs in his community. He served as the Past Moderator of the First Flint River Baptist Association, as the President of the Bainbridge/Decatur County Civic and Progressive League, and as a member of the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce, the Fourth District Funeral Service Association, and the Georgia State Funeral Service Association.

In addition to his ministry and community outreach, Rev. Noble is also Owner and Funeral Director of Guyton Brothers Funeral Home in Bainbridge.

Rev. Noble has been, and continues to be, very blessed in his family life. He is married to Sonja Noble née Tyler, and he is the proud father of four children and the proud grandfather of five grandchildren. His kind demeanor and unyielding compassion has endeared him to many.

Madam Speaker, the State of Georgia, especially the Second Congressional District, is truly blessed to have benefited from the tremendous counsel, and ministry of Rev. Adolph Noble, Sr. We greatly appreciate his guidance, leadership, compassion, and intense desire to help others and better his community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HEAVY TRUCK TAX FAIRNESS ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Heavy Truck Tax Fairness Act. Nothing is more essential to restoring the economy, revitalizing our communities, and protecting our environment than the effort to rebuild and renew America. The U.S. faces steep infrastructure challenges. Our infrastructure inventory is in poor repair and much of it is outdated—not just decades, but often centuries old. Our effort to rebuild and renew that infrastructure is stalled because of a funding impasse. The Highway Trust Fund nearly exhausted its funding several times recently and it is clear that our existing funding mechanisms are insufficient to meet our current, much less future, needs. Congress must consider new revenue sources to meet our infrastructure challenges and must work with transportation users to find the most efficient means of raising this revenue.

The funding sources for the Highway Trust Fund can be volatile, depending on the health of the economy. Current law places a 12 percent tax on the sale of new heavy trucks, trailers, and certain tractors. This tax is an important source of Highway Trust Fund revenues. In times of economic stress, these sales fall dramatically, badly limiting Trust Fund resources. These lost sales have several important effects. By reducing revenue to the Trust Fund, the decline hinders economic productivity by imposing costs from poor infrastructure. It also reflects an increase in the average age of the trucking fleet. New trucks have significant environmental and safety advantages, and Congress should reduce the barriers to new truck acquisition. To meet the demand for new trucks, most truck manufacturers will add employees, as most have significant engine and final assembly operations in the U.S.

The Heavy Truck Tax Fairness Act would replace the 12 percent excise tax currently levied on new truck, trailer, and certain tractor sales with a revenue neutral increase in the diesel fuel excise tax of \$0.073 per gallon. This modest change will be revenue neutral over 10 years and will have the effect of smoothing resources available to the Highway Trust Fund and will ensure the U.S. can continue investing in our vital transportation infrastructure.

I also note that this legislation does not affect all transportation stakeholders equally. In particular, smaller companies and owner-operators could see fewer benefits. I pledge to work with affected groups as this legislation advances to ensure that the legislation, as enacted, is as carefully tailored and broadly beneficial as possible.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ED REGENOLD

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to John Ed Regenold, a

passionate public servant, a devoted family man, and my friend. In February of 2005, John Ed was appointed State Highway Commissioner by Governor Mike Huckabee, where he has continued to be an important force in Arkansas.

Outside of his work as Commissioner, John Ed has made a point to be an active voice in the public discourse for improving the State of Arkansas. He has served on numerous commissions and boards such as the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. He is also a member of the St. Francis Levee Board and is a commissioner for the District 17 Drainage District.

Whenever and wherever he found a place he could help others, John Ed put his energy wholeheartedly and humbly into the job. He found a home as the Chairman of the Mississippi County Hospital System Board and as a member of the Arkansas Northeast College Foundation. Among all these accomplishments he also found the time to serve as a member of the board of the First National Bank of Blytheville.

John Ed is one of the smartest minds Arkansas has ever seen, and without people like him guiding the way, the State would be a much different place. His career is a reflection of his compassion, intellect, and commitment to improving Arkansas. I ask all my fellow colleagues to rise and honor with me the great work of John Ed Regenold.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT
OF HEINZ K. SIMON FROM THE
LAS COLINAS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Heinz K. Simon, the retiring Vice Chairman and former President and Chairman of the Las Colinas Association Board of Directors. Heinz is a valued member of the Irving, Texas community and has dedicated decades of service, economic planning, and community improvements to the association and its surrounding communities. Since 1973, Heinz and his wife, Allison, have resided in Las Colinas, and in 1996 Heinz moved the corporate office of Industrial Properties Corporation to Las Colinas. As the former CEO and Chairman of Industrial, Heinz understood the dynamic business environment Las Colinas possesses. Heinz also raised his two children in this community.

Since moving to Las Colinas, Heinz's contributions to the community have been tremendous. In addition to being on the Association Board for over 10 years, he has served as the Chairman for Irving's Tax Increment Finance District. This position allowed him to push for a development project within the Tax Increment Finance District boundaries in Las Colinas. Furthermore, Heinz was the primary force behind The Las Colinas Park Foundation, a 501-(c)(3) organization that works to beautify parks and open spaces across Irving. In addition to other projects, the Foundation has replanted numerous trees and put both a statue and a sculpture in two parks within the community.

It was at Heinz's urging that the Urban Center Task Force Committee was organized in April 2006 to encourage the city of Irving to look at the needs of Las Colinas. As Chairman since its inception, Heinz has gotten involvement on the Committee from the mayor of Irving; two city managers and their staffs; and numerous city organizations. The group has encouraged the burying of overhead utilities, the construction of the Lake Carolyn promenade, and kept the interests of Las Colinas at the forefront of discussions among city leaders.

Though he retires from the Las Colinas Association Board of Directors with many accomplishments, Heinz is not done improving his community. He currently serves as the director/trustee of the Stemmons Foundation, a charitable trust established in 1963 to benefit Dallas-area cultural, educational, and scientific communities. It is for this continuous dedication to the Las Colinas area and its surrounding communities that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Heinz K. Simon's retirement from the Las Colinas Board of Directors.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MR. DAVID NEWBY

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and achievements of Mr. David Newby, President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, as he retires from his esteemed position.

David served as president for sixteen years, but his roots in fighting for social equality run much deeper. He began his dedicated fight against injustice during his time as a teacher at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. From 1965 to 1968, he faced off with racial discrimination in the South, organizing and participating in protests and sit-ins to counter the actions of the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. In 1968, David began work on a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He quickly became involved in the union movement. As Steward of the Teaching Assistants Association, David was able to gain recognition from the administration through union strikes and other actions.

In 1982, David first stepped into a labor leadership role when he was elected President of the Madison Labor Council. He possessed the ability to motivate local members to come together on issues and express their views as one voice to the national AFL-CIO. A supremely principled man, David had no qualms about speaking out against union-backed candidates or policies. In 1986, he won a tough election for Secretary-Treasurer. He continued to ruffle feathers as he expressed his distaste for America's military actions abroad, never backed down from striking against plant closings, and continually pushed to attract new and more committed union members. Finally, in 1994, David easily won the presidency of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO.

Over the past sixteen years as president, David has only increased his effort to fight for what he believes is right. As the representative of the Midwest on the national AFL-CIO

Executive Council, he helped lead the federation's opposition to the Iraq War. He continued to work tirelessly to build stronger connections between local labor leaders, community leaders, workers, and organizations to support students' rights, civil rights, women's rights, and countless other causes. In a time when so many are suffering because of the economy, David has fought to keep jobs from going abroad and to ensure competitive wages and benefits for union workers.

In a piece reflecting on the election of President Obama, David wrote, "But no gains are freely given. We have to seize the moment, focus our energies, and assure that the victory will indeed be ours." These bold words embody the essence of the American spirit, and it is clear that over the past fifty years, David has come to epitomize this spirit. Although colleagues may disagree with his beliefs or fiery spirit, they always come away with nothing but the utmost respect for David.

May his stalwart dedication, vision, and lifelong commitment to the highest ethical standards continue to serve as an inspiration for us. I join the greater Madison community, the entire state of Wisconsin, and those who continue to fight for their beliefs throughout our great nation in honoring Mr. David Newby's achievements and thanking him for his lifetime of service.

MEDIA USE "CONSERVATIVE"
LABEL MORE OFTEN THAN "LIBERAL"

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media label political candidates and organizations "conservative" far more often than "liberal."

For example, during the last year, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times used the word "conservative" almost twice as often as "liberal" in political news stories, according to an internet search.

Furthermore, by margins of 3 to 1, the newspapers used the term "far right" more often than "far left" and "right wing" more frequently than "left wing."

And the term "extreme right" appeared five times more often than "extreme left."

This disparity shows the media's liberal perspective. To them, "liberal" is actually "mainstream," and therefore not worth mentioning.

But Americans describe themselves as conservative rather than liberal by a margin of 2 to 1.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not use biased language.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
ROBIN RAND

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to Major General Robin "Baba" Rand, the Director of the

Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. After serving in this capacity for over a year, General Rand has been selected to become the Special Assistant to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. I am honored to commend General Rand for his many years of service to the United States Air Force.

A 1979 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, General Rand distinguished himself early on as an exceptional pilot. First tapped to be an Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner, he went on to serve as an F-16 Weapons Officer and later served as the Commander of the 36th Fighter Squadron at Osan Air Force Base in the Republic of Korea.

After attending the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, General Rand took an assignment as a policy planner in the Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. He then returned to the Republic of Korea, taking command of the 8th Fighter Wing, "The Wolfpack", at Kunsan Air Base with follow-on wing command tours at the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base and the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad Air Base in Iraq. Based on his experiences in Iraq, General Rand was chosen to be the Principal Director for Middle East Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. In his most recent assignment as Director of Legislative Liaison, General Rand has been a steadfast advocate of the mission of the Air Force and of the 689,000 Total Force Airmen and their families.

Madam Speaker, Major General Robin "Baba" Rand has served his country well, and he will no doubt continue to do so. I wish General Rand; his wife, Kim; and their children, Brooke and Bryson; the best of luck in the days to come.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES J. GRAZIANO ON BEING NAMED PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUZERNE COUNTY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Charles J. Graziano on being honored as this year's "Person of the Year" by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County.

The Italian American Association of Luzerne County will hold its 33rd annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on October 10, 2010.

The Association currently has over 200 members.

Each year, the Italian American Association of Luzerne County recognizes an individual who has shown distinguished service to the organization and the community as its "Person of the Year."

This award honors an individual who has displayed dedication and leadership in the Association. It also recognizes an individual who has volunteered their time throughout the community, and an individual who over the past year has promoted Italian American culture, preserved Italian American traditions, and worked to instill family values.

This year's recipient is Charles J. Graziano of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Graziano was born in Pittston on September 6, 1950. He is the son of Joseph and Mary Leo Graziano.

Mr. Graziano graduated from Pittston Area High School in 1968 before attending Wilkes College where he studied Commerce and Finance.

After graduation from Wilkes College in 1972, Mr. Graziano attended The American Academy and McAllister Institute of Funeral Service in New York City. He graduated from the Academy in 1973.

For the past 37 years, Mr. Graziano has worked as Funeral Director at the Graziano Funeral Home in Pittston Township. He is the third generation of the Graziano family to operate the funeral service over the past 110 years.

A lifelong resident of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Graziano is a member at St. Rocco's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Graziano currently resides in Pittston with his wife, Mary Lou. They have two children, Joseph and Silvana.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Charles Graziano on this auspicious occasion. His lifelong commitment to the Northeastern Pennsylvania community illustrates he is most deserving of this achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. SAM WOLF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and significant regional contributions of Mr. Sam Wolf.

Sam Wolf, a resident of Granite City, Illinois, served 18 years in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1974 until he retired in 1992. Among his more notable accomplishments during his time in the General Assembly was legislation establishing community college voting sub-districts. This was important to ensure equitable representation of the different geographic areas covered by a community college district.

Sam Wolf has been a strong proponent of Southwestern Illinois College and was a driving force in the establishment of the college's Granite City Campus in 1984. Sam worked to secure funding for the Industrial Technology Center at the Granite City Campus and the development of the Automotive Collision Repair Technology program there. Sam has been a member of the Southwestern Illinois College Board of Trustees since October 1995.

In recognition of Sam's tireless efforts to expand and improve Southwestern Illinois College, the Granite City Campus is named the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus. This is a fitting tribute for a man who has done so much to provide quality educational opportunities for current and future generations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Sam Wolf for his many contributions to the Southwestern Illinois region and to wish him the very best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT STEVEN J. PERRAULT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual from the 44th Congressional District of California who has dedicated his life to defending the people of this country and preserving the basic freedoms and liberties that we hold dear. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Master Sergeant Steven J. Perrault for his 23-plus years of dedicated service in the United States Air Force.

Chief Perrault enlisted in the Air Force on January 15, 1988, as an Administrative Specialist assigned to Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts. He served for two years in this role prior to transitioning to Vehicle Operations. After three years, Chief Perrault then moved to his first duty station and worked as a recruiter at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts.

During his career, Chief Perrault was assigned as a Line Recruiter, which is primarily responsible for new enlistees, and an in-service recruiter which helps Regular Air Force members transfer into the Reserve Component. Due to his knowledge and skills he was selected for a Headquarters assignment helping oversee both the Operations and Training Branches of Recruiting Service at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia in 2000. Chief Perrault took on the tough assignment as a Senior Recruiter and was responsible for a new operating location in Denver, Colorado that managed all in-service recruiters assigned to the Midwest portion of the United States. In August 2005, after laying the ground work for success in Denver, Chief Perrault was assigned to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio as a Senior Recruiter.

In August 2007, he was chosen as the Superintendent for the Western Recruiting Squadron. Since that time, Chief Perrault has been instrumental in meeting their annual recruiting goals for the ninth straight year. During his career, Chief Perrault has been directly responsible for helping to recruit more than 8,500 airmen into the Air Force Reserve and has contributed to the continued success of the Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service.

Most recently, Chief Perrault has served as Superintendent, Western Recruiting Squadron, March Air Reserve Base, California, Air Force Reserve Command. In this role, he has been responsible for coaching and mentoring the 96 enlisted personnel assigned to the squadron as well as ensuring congressionally mandated end-strength manning for reserve units across 17 states, one U.S. territory, and in three countries.

Chief Perrault could not have been such a tremendous leader without the love and unfailing support of his wife Senior Master Sergeant (retired) Cheryl Perrault and their four children: Technical Sergeant Cassandra Casul, Senior Airman Shane Perrault, Kyle Perrault, and Ms. Ashlie Wendt. Helping to build his foundation for success early in life were his father Robert Perrault, his step-mother Carol; his mother Karen Gardiner and his step-father Sergeant Major (retired) Dennis Gardiner.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to Chief Master Sergeant Steven J. Perrault for his outstanding service to both the United States Air Force and our great nation. Chief Perrault will retire from the United States Air Force service with more than just his experience, decorated career and remarkable accomplishments. He will also have served as a shining example and constant reminder of what it means to be an American patriot and leader. I am grateful for his service and salute him as he retires from the United States Air Force.

INTRODUCING THE SAVE THE BAY HOME OWNER ACT OF 2010

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Save the Bay Homeowner Act of 2010. This legislation would allow the 17 million citizens of the Chesapeake Bay watershed to become citizen stewards of the Bay and give them an active role in restoring it.

The bill directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a "Save the Chesapeake Bay Home" designation program that identifies various steps homeowners could voluntarily take around their property to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff and improve water quality in local streams and rivers that feed into the Bay. If a participating home meets certain standards, such as installing rain barrels or reducing fertilizer on their lawns, that home could be designated a "Save the Chesapeake Bay Home." The legislation further directs the EPA to give credit to states and local jurisdictions for nutrient and sediment level reduction based upon the number of homeowners that achieve the "Save the Chesapeake Bay Home" designation.

Under the Clean Water Act, the EPA must develop a Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) because the Bay has failed to meet water quality goals and segments of the Bay are classified as "impaired" water ways. The TMDL will limit the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment that may enter the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries based on what is required to restore the Bay. Each state within the watershed will be required to meet pollution limits and water quality goals under this new framework. There are different ways that state and local governments can meet these standards but many require relatively expensive infrastructure upgrades or storm water runoff retrofits. This bill gives those state and local jurisdictions a voluntary tool to meet TMDL standards while engaging the 17 million citizens of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Furthermore, if states and local jurisdictions receive credit towards their TMDL limit for "Save the Chesapeake Bay Homes," they can pass along those savings to homeowners who choose to participate in the program through reductions in their water and sewer bills or their property taxes—a meaningful incentive for citizens who do right by the Bay.

Madam Speaker, to truly Save the Chesapeake Bay, we need the 17 million people who live in the Bay's watershed to become cit-

izen stewards of the streams and rivers in their community. If each individual within the watershed were to contribute to clean-up efforts, even in small ways, the aggregate would yield significant results in moving Bay restoration forward. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation.

HONORING GENESEE COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY PEACE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, October 2nd, the Genesee County Committee for Community Peace will dedicate a statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the campus of the University of Michigan-Flint. The statue, the first of its kind in Michigan, will be installed in the Peace Park in celebration of Peace Day.

The Genesee County Committee for Community Peace has been celebrating Peace Day in Flint Michigan for over 15 years. The Committee is part of the Chinmaya Seva Samiti of Flint. Over the years they have sponsored several events including essay writing competitions, building of a sports field for the underprivileged, painting a peace mural, honoring a Peace Maker annually, and the creation of the Peace Park. Their goals are promoting peace, teaching ways of harmonious co-existence, and educating future generations on the principles of peace and nonviolence. The University of Michigan-Flint, the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Dr. and Mrs. M. Nagaraju, the Genesee Intermediate School District and the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance are represented on the Committee.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship. I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings. My wisdom flows from the Highest Source. I salute that Source in you. Let us work together for unity and love." In keeping with his sentiments, the Committee believes in embracing the unifying features of all different beliefs and ethnicities and strives to pass on this wisdom to the next generation.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the dedication, efforts and enthusiasm of the Genesee County Committee for Community Peace to promote unity, and enhance peace in Flint and Genesee County. I pray that their work to create a more harmonious world is successful.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. BRAD MORAN

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Brad Moran for being inducted into the Tech University Mass Communications Hall of Fame.

Brad received a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Texas Tech in 1982, making him the first college graduate in his family. While attending Texas Tech, Brad worked as an afternoon disk jockey. After graduation, he

went to work for his father at KJTV-34 as a national sales manager. In 1985, Brad and his father decided to make their station a FOX affiliate. The father-son team also launched a Spanish-language station, Telemundo 46. Since then, Brad has launched several successful news and interactive talk radio shows under the name of Ramar Communications. Most recently, the Ramar radio group launched TT 104.3, the Texas Tech University athletics station.

Not only is Brad Moran a successful broadcaster, but he is also very active in the community. He has served on, and chaired, numerous fundraising committees for Lubbock. A few of these include the Lubbock Area United Way, American Cancer Society, South Plains Area Food Bank, and Lubbock Rotary Club. Brad continues to support Texas Tech from academics to athletics. He is a member of the Chief Executives Roundtable for the Rawls College of Business and has committed to begin a scholarship endowment for the Texas Tech College of Mass Communications. Additionally, Brad has served on numerous committees of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, and he is currently serving on the Chamber's Board of Directors.

A few noted accolades and awards Brad has received include the 1999 LAF Silver Medalist; 2003 Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award for his community dedication through philanthropic and human service; and the Lubbock Chamber's 2006 Businessperson of the Year Award.

I am enormously appreciative to Mr. Brad Moran for his contributions to Texas Tech and the Lubbock community. Those in District 19, including myself, congratulate him on being named to the Hall of Fame and extend to him our best wishes for his future endeavors.

TEJANOS OF WORLD WAR II

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, America honors Hispanic Heritage this month. I would like to recognize some of Texas' heroes who served their country in body and deed, held up the torch of bravery and, in turn, were awarded Medals of Honor for their actions.

Born in San Marcos, Texas, Cleto Rodriguez enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1944, where he served as a Private in Company B, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division. On February 9, 1945 in Manila, while crossing a railroad station, Cleto's platoon was stopped by intense Japanese gunfire. Without being ordered to do so, Rodriguez and a fellow soldier, Private First Class John N. Reese, Jr., left the platoon and marched straight into the enemy volley. For two and a half hours, charged on conquest, Rodriguez and Reese killed over 82 Japanese soldiers and paved the way for an American victory at the railroad station that day. Sadly, Reese was killed in action defending his friends and country. For his "determination to destroy the enemy and courage in the face of tremendous odds," Rodriguez was awarded the Medal of Honor. He became the first Mexican American GI to be given this award in the South Pacific.

Private First Class Silvestre Herrera, drafted to the U.S. Army in 1944, was a seasoned

veteran. He had been stationed on the front lines in Germany for several months. A part of the 36th "Texas" Division, Herrera had experienced the most violent fighting in the Central Europe campaign when the Allies closed in to deliver the finishing blow on Nazi Germany. As Americans advanced toward the border, German resistance mounted. That day, Herrera's division, the 142nd Regiment, neared the French-German border town of Mertzwiller. When orders were given to advance the town, Herrera, being a scout, was 400 yards ahead of his company. The regiment was suddenly overwhelmed by machine gun nest fire from the enemy. Armed with only a bayonet and an M1 hand rifle, Herrera single-handedly captured eight German soldiers and sent them to American lines. However, upon gearing up for a second attempt to end the gunfire, he stepped on an anti-personnel mine that blew off both his feet. Despite the intense pain and loss of blood, Herrera continued to fight and kill two more German soldiers. His presence enabled his comrades to lead a full frontal attack on the enemy position. For his heroism that day Silvestre Herrera was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

And last, but certainly not least—a hero from Congressional District 2. One of twelve children from a large Mexican American family, Lucian Adams was born in Port Arthur, Texas in 1922. The summer of 1944, Adams was stationed near the town of Saint-Die in the Mortagne forest of France. With supply lines cut off by the Germans, Adams was sent out as a scout for his company and alerted the commander of three enemy machine gun nests. He was given orders to "go on out there and make a breakthrough to get those GIs." Armed with a borrowed Browning automatic rifle, Adams and his men started walking in a heavily wooded area of the forest. Having only walked 10 yards, enemy machine guns killed three men and wounded six others almost instantaneously. The company ran to take cover. However, Adams charged forward. He killed nine Germans, shot lobbying grenades, eliminated three enemy machine guns and forced two German infantrymen to surrender. In a matter of 10 minutes, Adams had successfully cleared the woods of enemy soldiers and reopened the severed supply line. Adams was dubbed "The Texas Tornado" by his company men and received the Medal of Honor in 1945.

The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest award for gallantry in action and is only given to the bravest of the brave. It is the American symbol of knighthood. Men like Rodriguez, Herrera and Adams deserve only the utmost respect from their countrymen. They are statues of strength—true visions of valor. With a thankful heart, I tip my hat to the Texas heroes who fought and are fighting for liberty. America salutes you.

And, that's just the way it is.

HONORING APPLETON FIRE-
FIGHTERS CAPT. RICK JAMES,
CAPT. MIKE WOODZICKA, DOUG
VRECHEK AND MIKE BECKER

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Appleton firefighters

Capt. Rick James, Capt. Mike Woodzicka, Doug Vrechek and Mike Becker, as they are inducted into the Wisconsin Fire and Police Hall of Fame for saving the lives of four young children. As friends, family and colleagues gather to pay tribute to their courage and bravery, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these outstanding individuals.

On December 29, 2007, Capt. Rick James, Capt. Mike Woodzicka, Doug Vrechek and Mike Becker valiantly rescued four children from a burning house in my hometown of Appleton, WI. The children, who were all under the age of seven and included 15-month-old twins, were trapped in the house, unable to escape. The firefighters acted swiftly and heroically, rescuing the children within four minutes of arriving at the scene.

In recognition of this courageous act, the firefighters were inducted into the State of Wisconsin Fire and Police Hall of Fame on September 10, 2010. The Hall of Fame recognizes firefighters and police officers in Wisconsin who have performed a heroic act, been an innovator in advancing the productivity or safety of services, or who have provided exceptional community service.

Madam Speaker, without questions, the service of Capt. Rick James, Capt. Mike Woodzicka, Doug Vrechek and Mike Becker has been selfless and exemplary, and their induction into the Wisconsin Fire and Police Hall of Fame is very well-deserved. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting these truly heroic members of our community.

HONORING MICHELLE STAUFFER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Michelle Stauffer upon her retirement from Wawona School.

Mrs. Michelle Stauffer has spent the past 29 years serving as a teaching principal at Wawona School; a kindergarten through sixth grade, one-room elementary school in Yosemite National Park. Wawona School has been serving the children that live in the park since the late 1800's. Park rangers, firefighters and other National Park Service employees rely on this community school, and Mrs. Stauffer, to educate and nurture their children. During its existence, the school has educated the children of many Yosemite pioneer families, including the Washburn, Bruce and Gordon families.

Mrs. Stauffer is dedicated to providing a solid education for the students. Field trips to Washington DC, museums, live theater and the San Francisco Opera are part of the curriculum at Wawona School. Mrs. Stauffer believes these field trips are an important part of exposing her students to life outside of the park.

Mrs. Stauffer is an extraordinary person and educator. She is dedicated to the Yosemite community and especially to her students. She is committed to providing her students with the very best education in the most nurturing environment possible.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michelle Stauffer for her dedicated service to

the students of Wawona School. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Stauffer many years of continued success.

HONORING MARIA RODRIGUEZ FOR
A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate decades of service to the community by a longtime and dear friend, both to me and my husband and to the children and families of New Haven, Connecticut: Maria Rodriguez.

Elected to New Haven's Board of Aldermen in 1976, Maria has the distinction of being the first Hispanic alderperson in the history of our city. But that service was only the beginning of her contributions to our city and state. For as long as I have known her, Maria has given of herself to the people around her, and has worked to make New Haven a richer, more vibrant, and more compassionate community.

Indeed, Maria has spent a lifetime doing so. She began her career in the early 1970s as a trained mental health therapist at the Connecticut Mental Health Center, where she worked day in and day out to improve the experience and the quality of life of Hispanic families in the Greater New Haven area. As my husband Stan, Maria, and I worked on so many local political campaigns then, we became great friends. She helped us to forge many wonderful friendships in New Haven's Hispanic community. She is a tireless worker and a strong ally.

After receiving her Masters from Southern Connecticut State University in 1983, and spending a year as a key and valuable aide to my predecessor, Bruce Morrison, Maria soon moved into full-time social work. For over 25 years, through organizations such as the Connecticut Board of Education, Family Counseling of Greater New Haven, and Latino Youth Development, Inc., she provided therapy to families and students in need of mental health care.

In her off-hours, Maria kept on giving. From serving on the Board of the YMCA to tutoring students in her free time, she has always looked for more ways to help those in need and to improve our city. And, now that she has decided to retire from the Connecticut Board of Education, I can only expect she is already thinking of new ways to volunteer her time and her effort.

For that is who Maria is. For decades now, she has continued to infuse our community with her warmth and energy, her caring and compassion. I thank her deeply for her service to the families of New Haven, and for her years of friendship to me. And I congratulate her and her family—her husband Alquilino, her son Paul, and daughter-in-law Bunny—on reaching this milestone. Congratulations, Maria, you have earned it.

HONORING THE EDMUND S. MUSKIE ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine as it celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary.

As a U.S. Senator from 1959 to 1980, Edmund Muskie established a legacy of environmentalism, fiscal responsibility and budgetary reform. Senator Muskie chaired the Environmental Pollution Subcommittee, the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee, and the Senate Committee on Budget. In 1963, Senator Muskie served as the chief sponsor of the Clean Air Act, the first major federal law aimed at air pollution control. Senator Muskie also served as the chief sponsor of the Clean Water Restoration Act in 1966.

Since its founding in 1985, the Muskie Archives has preserved and promoted the legacy of U.S. Senator, Secretary of State and Bates College alumnus Edmund S. Muskie. The Muskie Archives have served Bates students and researchers from across the United States and around the world. For the past ten years, the Edmund Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library has also been the repository of the Archives of the College. In this capacity, the library has preserved a collection of records that document that history of Bates College from its inception through its development into one of the country's premier liberal arts colleges.

The Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library at Bates College is a valuable asset to both the State of Maine and the country. Through exhibits, public outreach and educational programs, the institution ensures that the lasting work of Edmund Muskie is not forgotten.

I am pleased to share in the celebration as the Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library looks back on its twenty five years of history.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library.

IN HONOR OF SGT. RAYMOND JOSEPH DRENNAN

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sgt. Raymond Joseph Drennan, who is being honored with the Purple Heart that he earned while fighting the enemy at Okinawa on May 18, 1945. This honor is long overdue and serves as a reminder of the great sacrifices given by our military personnel from all generations.

Mr. Drennan served as a Sergeant in the 29th Battalion of the Marines 6th Division. He was under heavy duress while pinned in a fox-hole, and he was injured in the line of fire. Mr.

Drennan suffered an exit wound, but kept fighting with his battalion. The battle fought at Okinawa saw 62,000 American casualties: the bloodiest battle experienced in the Pacific war.

The men and women of our Armed Forces serve with an incomparable sense of duty. Mr. Drennan, like many men and women that wear the military uniform, served selflessly and with only his country's interest in mind. The Adler family, and families all across New Jersey, are eternally grateful for Mr. Drennan's service.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great American hero. Without his sacrifice, and the sacrifice of those like him, we would not share the freedoms that we have today. It is important to remember the duty laid upon our men and women in the military from past generations and those who will serve in the future.

HONORING THE BEAGLE FAMILY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Beagle family as they are honored by the Genesee County Bar Foundation on October 7 in Flint, Michigan.

The Beagle family's contributions to the Flint community span the past century. Charles D. Beagle graduated from Minnesota Law School in 1904. After practicing law in the State of Washington, he moved to Genesee County in 1920. He was elected Genesee County Prosecutor in 1928. He served as president of the Genesee County Bar Association in 1937–1938. When he passed away in 1958, Charles Beagle had practiced law for 54 years.

His son, John S. Beagle, received his law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1936. He served as a Genesee County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and a Michigan Assistant Attorney General. He enlisted in the Army at the beginning of World War II and served in the Navy Air Corps until his discharge. He joined his father and Van H. Stewart and formed the law firm, Beagle, Stewart and Beagle. He served on the governing body of the local bar. He retired in 1986 after 50 years of practicing law and passed away in 2000. The John S. Beagle Scholarship was established through his bequest to help Genesee County law students defray the cost of their schooling.

Duncan M. Beagle has carried on the tradition started by his grandfather and father. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1975. He served as the youngest president of the Genesee County Bar Association in 1983–1984. He has served as the court administrator for 67th District Court, assistant prosecutor for Genesee County, Friend of the Court referee, and as a private practitioner. Appointed to the 7th Judicial Circuit Court in 1991, he continues to serve in this capacity.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Judge Beagle and the Beagle family as they are honored by the Genesee County Bar Foundation. The Beagle family represents the best traditions of service to community, their clients and the legal profes-

sion and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MILAN

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Milan and to commemorate its 125th anniversary, as it gathers to honor this occasion on Sunday, September 26, 2010. In 1885, only 48 years after Michigan became a state, the Village of Milan was chartered by the Michigan State Legislature. Soon after, the first elections were held and the Village of Milan had its first governing Board of Trustees. Milan was a village for over 80 years until November 6, 1967, when voters overwhelmingly approved the charter that established the City of Milan.

The City of Milan brings a rich history to the 15th Congressional District and it offers a unique blend of rural farms and modern industrialization. Milan is located partially in Washtenaw County and partially in Monroe County, surrounded by corn and soybean farms. In 1937, Henry Ford finished his creation of Ford Lake and officially opened a new power house which operated using coal and hydro power. The power house is now the current Milan City Hall, and Ford Lake was officially acquired by Milan in 1949. Even the wonderful park where the 125th anniversary celebration took place was used by Henry Ford to run a coil manufacturing plant and a paint creation facility for the Model T.

I am proud of the City of Milan's many contributions to Michigan's 15th Congressional District and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the city on its 125 wonderful years of service to its citizens and the State of Michigan.

HONORING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MADISON

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Baptist Church of Madison, located in Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate their 115th anniversary year.

In the spring of 1895, a small group of individuals began to organize in what was known as Odd Fellows Hall in Madison, New Jersey in an effort to create a Baptist Mission so they would have a place to gather and worship. Two years later, the Baptist Mission became the First Baptist Church of Madison, and members selected Reverend R.L. Harris to be its first pastor. As membership grew, land was purchased to build a larger place of worship. On the first Sunday of June 1901, a ground breaking service was held, and by February 1902 the church was completed at its current site.

In 2003, the Arthur D. Brown Enrichment Center was opened to provide a place for

meetings, offices, the Smith Library and personal meditation. The church is continuously renovating and improving their 105-year-old building. They plan to further expand their church by creating education facilities.

An important aspect of the First Baptist Church of Madison is their service to others. The church participates in a wide variety of missions to help those in need. They provide books to poor areas of Africa, visit residents in nursing homes, provide hygiene kits to the poor, assist in paying bills for those in need or aid and provide Thanksgiving meals. The First Baptist Church of Madison has always provided a warm welcome to new parishioners and visitors, and has done a commendable job serving the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the First Baptist Church of Madison as they celebrate their 115th anniversary.

HONORING MARY ANN SCHILLER

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Mary Ann Schiller with the Affton School District. She began working in the Affton School District as a high school senior in 1950 as an assistant to the superintendent's secretary. She attended Miss Hickey's Secretarial School in the evening while working as secretary to the principal at Reavis School during the day.

In 1960 she moved to the administration center to serve the assistant superintendent of elementary education. In 1970, Mrs. Schiller became the secretary to the superintendent (later administrative assistant) as well as secretary to the Board of Education, positions she held for 40 years. She has been the indispensable "right hand" to eight superintendents and a patient mentor to nearly 70 Board of Education members.

On June 15, 2010, the Affton School District's Board of Education unanimously voted to dedicate and rename the Affton School District Administration Center in her honor. On October 2, 2010 the administration center will be renamed the Mary Ann Schiller Administration Center.

Other honors for Mary Ann include: the recipient of the Service and Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Award for 1996–97; named Affton Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1999; and one of ten distinguished alumni inducted into the Affton Hall of Fame in 2005.

Mary Ann was also named by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as a Pioneer in Education—an honor never before bestowed upon a classified school district employee.

Mary Ann Schiller retired on June 30, 2010 after 60 years of service to the Affton School District. I honor Mary Ann today for her outstanding public service; performing one of the most important tasks necessary for a successful and healthy nation: educating the young and preparing them to be productive and responsible citizens.

INTRODUCTION OF PILOT PROJECT FOR TOOLS NEEDED FOR FUNDING CHALLENGES

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation authorizing a pilot project to develop the tools needed by private industry, the IRS, and the Department of Transportation to meet our infrastructure funding challenges for the next century.

Nothing is more essential to restoring the economy, revitalizing our communities, and protecting our environment than the effort to rebuild and renew America. The U.S. faces steep infrastructure challenges. Our infrastructure inventory is in poor repair and much of it is outdated—not just decades, but often centuries old. Our effort to rebuild and renew that infrastructure is stalled because of a funding impasse. The Highway Trust Fund nearly exhausted its funding several times recently and it is clear that our existing funding mechanisms are insufficient to meet our current, much less future, needs. Congress must consider new revenue sources to meet our infrastructure challenges and must work with transportation users to find the most efficient means of raising this revenue.

Most of America's transportation investment ability is premised on the gas tax. This source is becoming obsolete as vehicles are increasingly efficient, making increased demands on our infrastructure while contributing fewer resources. The current revenue system generates only two-thirds of the revenue needed to maintain current levels of investment.

While Congress waits, others are seeking innovative solutions to this challenging problem: the Oregon Department of Transportation conducted successful tests of mileage-based revenue systems that seamlessly protected privacy while applying a user fee; two blue ribbon panels called for further exploration of such a system; and I have introduced prior legislation that would fund tests of such systems in each state. Under the Transportation Finance Innovation Demonstration Act, the concrete pumping industry has stepped forward to create a pilot project exploring how a mileage system would work in practice.

In an unintended consequence of the JOBS Act of 2004, concrete pumping trucks pay gasoline tax on 100 percent of their fuel consumption, even though 50 percent of their fuel is consumed at construction sites in stationary operation. Concrete pumping trucks already collect much of the necessary information about distance traveled and fuel consumption necessary for the function of a mileage-based fee. With a few minor hardware and software additions, concrete pumps nationwide could collect and transmit data to the IRS in a highly accurate and secure manner.

The legislation directs the Department of the Treasury to work with the Department of Transportation to establish a demonstration project providing a refund of gasoline taxes to concrete pumping trucks and the imposition of an off-setting mileage fee reflecting the distance the concrete pumping truck traveled on U.S. roadways.

ACKNOWLEDGING TAIWAN'S 99TH NATIONAL DAY ON OCTOBER 10, 2010

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Taiwan's 99th National Day on October 10, 2010. Also known as Double Ten Day, this event marks the anniversary of the 1911 uprising that soon led to the establishment of the Republic of China.

I congratulate Taiwan, our good friend in Asia, on numerous successes in recent years. An economic powerhouse, millions of Americans have come to depend on Taiwanese products like notebook computers, and Taiwan serves as a major export market for a huge range of American products, from agriculture to raw materials to technology.

This past year has seen highly positive political progress between China and Taiwan, benefiting not only the entire East Asian arena but U.S. interests, as well. Taiwan's President Ma Yingjeou has established conciliatory and cooperative cross-strait relations, producing agreements in a variety of areas including transportation, tourism, agriculture, and trade and financial matters. For the first time in decades, the two great nations are pursuing productive, peaceful negotiations to ensure a better future for their citizens. I am pleased that these efforts have enabled Taiwan to play a greater role in international organizations, such as with Taiwan's participation as an official observer to the World Health Assembly. Such progress should not go unnoticed or unremarked upon.

Madam Speaker, each time I have visited Taiwan I have come away with a deep appreciation for the Taiwanese people's commitment to hard work, democratic traditions, environmental protection, and productive and peaceful international relations. I offer my sincere congratulations on their 99th National Day and look forward to celebrating the 100th next year.

HONORING THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF McCLURE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE BLUE RIBBON AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the faculty, students, and parents of McClure Junior High School, a school of 541 students in Western Springs, Illinois. The school was awarded the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education on September 9, 2010.

The Blue Ribbon Award program was founded in 1982 by the Department of Education to reward the most outstanding schools in the country. Out of the more than 132,000 eligible schools in the United States, only 304 earned the Blue Ribbon distinction in 2010.

McClure Junior High School has been identified as a "High Performing" school, meaning

the students scored significantly higher on standardized state assessments than their peer schools. McClure was one of only 84 middle schools in the country, and one of 19 Illinois schools to be distinguished with this award.

Thanks to the dedication of McClure Junior High School faculty, the hard work of the students, and the encouragement of their parents, the school has been identified as one of the very best in the United States.

I ask you to join me in congratulating the faculty, students, and parents of McClure Junior High School for their receipt of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award, one of the highest honors a middle school can earn.

IN MEMORY OF U.S. NAVY SENIOR
CHIEF PETTY OFFICER DAVID
BLAKE McLENDON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brave sailor, dedicated citizen, and a great American, U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer David Blake McLendon, who gave his life for his country.

Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO) McLendon was raised in Thomasville, Georgia. After graduating from Thomas County Central High School in 1998, he answered the call to service by enlisting in the U.S. Navy, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

He was a successful and dedicated naval non-commissioned officer, quickly rising through the ranks. His awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Navy Battle "E" Ribbon (two awards); Navy Good Conduct Medal (three awards); and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

In 2009, McLendon was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer and served as a Navy cryptologic technician. He was also a Navy SEAL. During his twelve-year Naval career, he served at Norfolk, Virginia and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the Joint Expeditionary Base at Little Creek, Virginia.

While deployed to Afghanistan, he was one of nine servicemembers tragically killed when their Army Blackhawk helicopter went down in the southern Afghanistan province of Zabul on Sept. 21, 2010.

SCPO McLendon's death is a great loss to this country, as he was a man of great promise and honor. He was described as a consummate Navy professional by his fellow servicemembers, and was known for his dedication, quick wit, and engaging sense of humor.

His death is also a great loss to his loving family. He is survived by his wife and parents, his brother and sister, his nieces and nephews, and his paternal grandmother.

Madam Speaker, U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer David Blake McLendon made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. His time on this earth was too short. He was a proud American, a brave sailor, and a true family man. In life he was loved and honored, and in

death he will be remembered by a grateful nation.

RECOGNIZING THE SEATTLE
STORM FOR THEIR VICTORY IN
THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Seattle Storm for their incredible season and their victory in the Women's National Basketball Association Championship.

The Seattle Storm joined the WNBA in 2000 and has since been a remarkable team, a source of immense pride for the State of Washington. Their 2010 championship was their second, and the first under Coach Brian Agler. They were consistently the WNBA's best team, ending the regular season with a 28–6 record. The team's success continued into the post-season, where they went undefeated and became the first team in WNBA history to go 7–0 in the playoffs. By the end of their impressive run, the Storm had not been defeated at home.

The women of Seattle Storm play the game with great dedication and sportsmanship, and act as role models for our community's girls and boys. The team is also one of three WNBA teams that is not owned as a companion or "sister team" to an NBA team. Rather, they are independent and reflect the value of local-owned organizations.

Their championship was earned with hard work and commitment. Team members include Svetlana Abrosimova, Sue Bird, Abby Bishop, Swin Cash, Lauren Jackson, Allison Lacey, Camille Little, Ashley Robinson, Jana Vesela, Le'coe Willingham, and Tanisha Right. The enthusiastic and loyal Washington fans have also aided to the team's success and over 5,000 fans came to celebrate the championship at the Key Arena.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in congratulating the Seattle Storm for their undefeated playoff run and their 2nd WNBA Championship.

RECOGNIZING SCOTT HECHT FOR
HIS BRAVERY AND HEROISM

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Scott Hecht, a resident of Hauppauge, New York, for being awarded the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. This prestigious award is given to civilians who risk their lives to save the lives of others. Scott Hecht saved a girl from drowning on July 30, 2009, in Mastic Beach, New York.

According to the Commission, "A teenage girl struggled to stay afloat in the Atlantic Ocean after being swept away from the beach

by a strong current. Beachgoers shouted for help, attracting the attention of Hecht, 45, a social worker, who was in a camping area nearby. Although he decided earlier not to swim that day because of rough surf conditions, Hecht entered the water with a short surfboard and, holding onto the board, swam out to the girl, reaching her at a point about 200 feet from shore. He grasped her by the wrists and held them over the board and then started toward shore. Waves overtook them as they proceeded, and a lateral current swept them along the shoreline. Others aided the girl when they reached wadable water, and Hecht also reached the beach safely. Hecht was very tired and sustained scratches to his legs, but he did not need medical treatment."

I am proud to recognize Mr. Hecht for his bravery and selflessness and I thank him for helping make the 2nd District of New York a place in which citizens take care of their fellow citizens.

CONGRATULATING ST. PAUL
COLLEGE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the faculty, students and staff of Saint Paul College on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the school. Founded in 1910, Saint Paul College is an outstanding community and technical college that is a part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system (MnSCU). Saint Paul College has further distinguished itself by earning the nation's top ranking among community colleges according to the 2010 September/October edition of Washington Monthly Magazine.

Located on Cathedral Hill near downtown and overlooking at the State Capitol, Saint Paul College is a model two-year higher education institution, providing academic excellence and trade and technical skills to prepare students for success in the workplace.

Saint Paul College offers thirty-eight associate degree programs and sixty-one occupational certificate and diploma programs, including transfer and articulation agreements with 4-year colleges and universities that provide pathways for students to transfer and continue their higher education.

The first-place ranking and national recognition conveyed by Washington Monthly Magazine is a testament to the school's long-standing commitment to academic excellence and to the students and families in the community it serves. Generations of crafts and trades people in Minnesota have earned their education at Saint Paul College, and the school is poised to help more generations develop the skills they need for successful careers.

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Saint Paul College, I am pleased to recognize the many achievements of the faculty, staff and students through this statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
EXPAND THE DISCRETIONARY
AUTHORITY OF THE U.S. TRADE
REPRESENTATIVE

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to expand the discretionary authority of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to take action under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. Specifically, the legislation would allow USTR to investigate and impose sanctions on countries whose trade practices are found to be unfair to U.S. interests by failing to enforce foreign country environmental laws. Specifically, USTR will have discretionary authority to take action if it finds a persistent pattern of conduct that indicates a trading partner:

(I) Fails to effectively enforce the environmental laws of a foreign country;

(II) Waives or otherwise derogates from the environmental laws of a foreign country or weakens the protections afforded by such laws;

(III) Fails to provide for judicial or administrative proceedings giving access to remedies for violations of the environmental laws of a foreign country; or

(IV) Fails to provide appropriate and effective sanctions or remedies for violations of the environmental laws of a foreign country.

This authority is very similar to existing authority held by USTR to enforce labor rights around the world.

My support for international trade agreements has always been predicated on the notion that agreements establish a fair, rules-based trading regime. The economy of my state is heavily trade-dependent. Oregon's iconic brands would not exist without strong international trading relationships. Oregon's largest private employer, Intel, is a product of the international market for high-tech products. The Port of Portland's distribution centers alone create 17,000 jobs, \$810 million in wages and other personal income, and \$2.8 billion in business revenues. Ensuring a level playing field in U.S. trading relationships is vital to protecting these jobs and to ensuring public support for a forward-looking, optimistic approach to trade policy.

Allowing our trading partners to derogate from their environmental laws provides an unfair advantage to their businesses and allows those businesses to unfairly undercut U.S. companies, which operate under strong environmental protections. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that trade remains free and open, but, in incorporating environmental and labor protections, also meets basic expectations of fairness.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE VICTOR
MICELI

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of my friend,

Judge Victor Miceli, who served as Superior Court Judge for Riverside County, California for 15 years and dedicated his life to bettering the community around him. On Thursday, September 16, 2010, Vic passed away at the age of 82 with his wife of 49 years, Bernice, by his side. Though Vic has passed on from this life, he leaves a lasting legacy in Riverside, the community he loved so dearly.

Vic graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Law School in 1952 and went on to serve in the Army as a judge advocate general and later practiced civil law in a private practice. Although he originally hailed from Meadville, Pennsylvania, Vic came to Riverside after having been appointed to the Superior Court bench in 1986 by former California Governor George Deukmejian.

When he retired from the bench in 2001, Vic's work in the community was far from over. Vic turned his focus and efforts to the restoration of downtown Riverside, including the \$24.7 million renovation of the 1903 beaux-arts Riverside Historic Courthouse, which was rededicated in 1998 and complied with new earthquake standards. Vic himself has attributed this as his proudest professional accomplishment. He also advocated for a new federal courthouse in Riverside, and the transfer of the 4th District Court of Appeal, Division Two headquarters from San Bernardino to Riverside. Additionally, he was a dedicated partner in the preservation and continued care of the historic Evergreen Cemetery.

Vic did so much for the community, the term the "Micelian Footprint" was coined, affectionately referring to Vic's ability to positively influence whatever he touched. In fact, 101-year-old retired Appellate Justice John Gabbert called Vic the person who has done more for the community in his lifetime, and said his contributions were "beyond measure."

Despite his passion and gusto, Vic always had a way of charming those around him—and perhaps that is what helped him get so much done. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and optimistic outlook on life just as much as his drive to accomplish projects and lead others.

Although his career flourished, Vic always put his family first, and set aside time every summer to take his two sons on road trips around the country. His wife remembers him as the kindest and most generous husband.

Vic is survived by his wife and their two sons, Victor Miceli II and John Michael Miceli.

On behalf of all those who knew him, it is an honor to offer these remarks as a tribute to the life and legacy of my friend Victor Miceli. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his dear family and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENCE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON
THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 90th Anniversary of the Independence, Missouri Chamber of Commerce, located in my District. History reveals how Independence, the county seat, grew

from a village, to a town, to the fourth largest city in Missouri. Civic leaders joined together to create a forum for the maintenance, growth and economic stability of the city. The Chamber has played a vital role in providing vision which helped to tackle the hard economic problems of the day. Today's Chamber is comprised of a "... partnership of more than 1,200 business and professional people committed to making a difference in the community."

Following its founding in 1920, the Chamber constitution encouraged its members "to promote the civic, economic, and social welfare of the people of Independence and vicinity" with membership open to all interested people. Colonel William Southern, Jr., who began publishing the Jackson Examiner in 1898, served on the original Board of Directors and holds the honor of being the first Board President of the Chamber. Due to the continued quality of leadership, the Chamber's involvement is respected on every issue from legislative initiatives to promoting pride in the city.

Throughout its 90 year history, the Chamber has initiated and supported local programs for economic development, public education, and general community quality of life. Working as a cohesive body with its Board, staff and members, the Chamber strives to provide a better quality of life for its citizens. Historically, they have campaigned to improve infrastructure, stimulate economic growth, annexation, transportation, parks, education and tourism. Through a variety of methods, they have achieved their objectives through bonds, fundraisers or by launching programs to benefit the citizens of Independence. "Put Us to Work" was one program initiated during the depression to coordinate all civic relief efforts and employment assistance for its citizens. We should recognize organizations like the Chamber of Independence as they help our communities find solutions to our current economic challenges.

When Harry S. Truman came home from serving in World War I, he came home to Independence, Missouri. When he was contemplating a run for Eastern District Judge, he went to Col. Southern for support. After serving as President, he once again returned to Independence. The Chamber honored him as a lifetime member of the Independence Chamber in 1945. Later, out of respect and admiration, the Chamber proudly supported fundraising efforts for the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library.

Madam Speaker, please join me in extending my warmest congratulations to Dr. Patty Schumacher, Chair of the Board, and Rick Hemmingsen, Chamber President, for the many accomplishments of the Independence Chamber of Commerce on this, their 90th Anniversary. The Chamber's work and dedication on behalf of the City of Independence has truly bettered our community. I urge my colleagues to join me in showing our appreciation to all its members, past and present.

HONORING THE 5TH STRYKER
BRIGADE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 5th Stryker Brigade,

2nd Infantry Division for their service and recognize their achievements after returning home from a 12-month deployment in Afghanistan. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the men and women of this Stryker Brigade and thank them for their service.

After 2 years of training in preparation to deploy to Iraq, the 5th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division received a change in orders and was directed to deploy as the first Stryker brigade in Afghanistan. The brigade began its operations in Kandahar Province, where they quickly encountered a determined enemy. Over the course of their year in Afghanistan, the brigade went on to lead the assault on Marjah, fight against the Taliban in Arghandab River Valley, help secure President Karzai in Daykundi, and secure highways and lines of communications, all while fighting enemy combatants. Under the leadership of Colonel Harry D. Tunnell, the soldiers performed their duty with honor and courage.

While the brigade performed admirably in challenging circumstances, the deployment did not come without sacrifice. Thirty-seven members of the brigade died in combat operations with another 239 wounded over the course of the deployment. Their sacrifice in defense of our nation, and in an effort to establish a more stable Afghanistan, should be acknowledged and their sacrifice will not be forgotten.

After 12 months in Afghanistan, the brigade began redeploying in June 2010 and held their homecoming ceremony on July 22, 2010 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. During the ceremony, the brigade was also formally reflagged as the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. Though the brigade may have a new designation, the service and sacrifice during their deployment as the 5th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division will not be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the men and women of this brigade, who have displayed venerable service to their country.

COMMENDING THE MARCH OF
DIMES MICHIGAN CHAPTER

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the March of Dimes Michigan Chapter for their dedicated and tireless service to families across our state. Since its founding in 1939 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the March of Dimes has been devoted to improving the health and wellness of infants and children across the country.

Last year, in my home State of Michigan, the March of Dimes awarded over \$1.1 million to local researchers to support research to save babies; awarded more than \$255,000 in chapter community grants to local programs that support innovative ways to promote and protect maternal and child health; advocated for funding to maintain the Michigan Birth Defects Registry; worked to expand Michigan's newborn screening panel to include over 40 disorders; among many other achievements.

Volunteers like Michael and Suzy Fezzey, the recipients of this year's "John Dingell Hero for Babies Award," are the reason why the Michigan Chapter of March of Dimes is so successful.

Both Michael and Suzy have gone above and beyond to improve the health and well-being of all children. Together they have worked with Sweet Dreamzzz, to provide sleep education and bedtime needs for at-risk school children, as well as working with Yatooma's Foundation for the Kids to help children and families who have lost one or both of their parents.

Suzy also serves as a board member for The Arc of Oakland County, which works with children and adults with intellectual and development disabilities, while Mike has served as the Michigan State Chapter and Metro Detroit Board Chairs for March of Dimes.

Michael and Suzy serve as role models to those around them, giving of themselves to improve the lives of children and families in their community.

Together I have worked with the March of Dimes to pass the Affordable Care Act, to establish and expand the Children's Health Insurance Program, and to advocate furiously for increased funding for research at the National Institutes of Health that will prevent birth defects, prematurity and infant mortality.

These are just a few reasons why I am proud to be an active member of my local March of Dimes chapter in Michigan, and why I am proud to call them my friends. The staff and volunteers at the Michigan Chapter are loyal advocates to improving this world for the next generation, and for more than four decades, we have worked hand-in-hand to fight for America's children, to ensure that every baby born in this country has a fighting chance.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the March of Dimes Michigan Chapter for their support for lifesaving research and quality family support programs that help ensure Michigan's families can bring their children into this world healthy and happy. I look forward to working with them for many years to come.

RAY BELL

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor C. Ray Bell, a master builder who passed away on September 4, 2010. He was an outstanding member of the Nashville community, a lifelong activist, a leader in the construction industry, and my friend.

Mr. Bell was born in Scottsboro, AL and raised in Shelbyville, TN. He graduated from the University of the South in 1963 with an honors degree in English and throughout his life remained a very well-read man. He worked in construction in Shelbyville for 6 years before he came to Nashville and started Ray Bell Construction Company, Inc. in 1970. His company became the State's largest construction firm and led the most significant projects in Tennessee and the South for over 30 years. Mr. Bell was a self-made man who had the enthusiasm and drive to make his business a great success.

Ray Bell's company built everything: skyscrapers, interstate highways, bridges, prisons, stadiums, arenas and more. Many—including the Bicentennial Mall and Train Trestle, the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, the

Shelby Street Bridge Rehabilitation and renovations to the Nashville Court House and Criminal Justice Center, Neyland Stadium and Thompson Boling Arena—quickly became renowned landmarks in Nashville's cityscape and throughout Tennessee. Mr. Bell knew how to bid projects, pinch pennies, cut costs and complete the job ahead of schedule without sacrificing quality. He was a perfectionist for his clients, making men and construction materials come together, even salvaging the work of other firms.

Ray Bell was often called a Renaissance Man because of his love for the arts, history and music. Mr. Bell's other passions included his family, politics and charitable organizations. When it came to politics, Mr. Bell firmly believed in bipartisanship and working together to accomplish common goals. He gave generously to various charities and was active with the Tennessee State Museum Foundation, Easter Seals and the Arthritis Foundation.

And so, Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Ray Bell's life and accomplishments. We are grateful for his passion for construction and politics and the decades of service and contributions he provided to Nashville and the people of Tennessee.

RECOGNIZING MARC HERBST FOR
HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO LONG ISLAND'S
INFRASTRUCTURE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Marc Herbst, Executive Director of the Long Island Contractors' Association, who has been named the 2010 Construction Executive of the Year by the Long Island Chapter of the Construction Financial Management Association. No one deserves this recognition more than Marc.

Mr. Herbst is active in Long Island's business and labor organizations. He serves as Vice President of the New York Roadway Improvement Coalition and is a member of the Council of State Executives for the American Road and Transportation Builders Association. The Suffolk County Executive appointed him as vice-chair of the Suffolk County Wastewater Treatment Task Force, and he is an employer trustee for labor benefit funds. Previously, Mr. Herbst was a five-term member of the New York State Assembly, where he was ranking member of the Transportation Committee.

As you can tell, Marc has dedicated his life's work to making Long Island a better place for generations to come. We all know that infrastructure is essential for our safety and economic livelihood. Even throughout the economic downturn, Marc continued this fight and I am proud to have worked with him to move important infrastructure projects forward on Long Island.

Long Island is a better place because of people like Marc Herbst and for that I am grateful.

I am proud to recognize Marc Herbst for this honor and for the work he has done to strengthen Long Island's infrastructure and economy.

ACQUIRED BONE MARROW FAILURE DISEASE RESEARCH AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1230, the Acquired Bone Marrow Failure Disease Research and Treatment Act.

Every year, it is estimated that between 20,000 and 30,000 Americans are diagnosed with some form of acquired bone marrow failure disease.

This classification of diseases, which include myelodysplastic syndromes (commonly known as MDS), aplastic anemia, paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (known as PNH), and others, take a debilitating and deadly toll on those diagnosed, forcing patients and families to deal with significant health, social, and economic hardships.

In some cases, MDS can even progress over time to become leukemia, which affects hundreds of thousands of Americans in its own right.

And while individuals stricken with these conditions can take some action to prolong their lives, this diagnosis offers little hope that affected patients will ever fully recover.

In light of this, I introduced the Acquired Bone Marrow Failure Disease Research and Treatment Act to enhance and intensify current and future efforts in the fight against bone marrow failure diseases.

This legislation would support increased research on these still relatively unstudied diseases, including what genetic and environmental factors may be associated with the condition and best practices for the diagnosis and treatment of these diseases.

In addition, the bill would authorize coordinated outreach and informational programs targeted to minority populations affected by these diseases, including information on treatment options and clinical trials research.

These provisions are critical to the individuals affected by bone marrow failure diseases and their families, as it would bring both tangible progress to fighting these diseases, and provide hope to those who have suffered their effects.

This bill has bipartisan support, 62 cosponsors, and has incorporated suggestions from both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, I commend our Leadership and thank Chairman WAXMAN and Chairman PALLONE and their staff for bringing H.R. 1230 to the floor, and for their commitment to protecting the health of all Americans.

I urge my colleagues to support passage of this important legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

TAIWAN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, on October 10, 2010, the Republic of China will celebrate its 99th anniversary.

The government now in Taiwan was founded in mainland China before it was pushed out by a brutal, communist regime. The differences between the two governments today is stark. While Taiwan flourishes as a democracy marked by passionate elections, China suppresses all political opposition, torturing and imprisoning anyone who dares to disagree. And yet we let China into regional and world bodies but keep the ROC out.

For example, Taiwan is not a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization. That means that when world leaders get together to talk about aviation regulation, Taiwan and the 35 million people that fly in and out of it each year are completely unrepresented.

So I urge my colleagues, on this 99th anniversary of the Republic of China, to call on the leaders in Beijing to allow Taiwan to participate in ICAO and other key international organizations like it.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of the celebration of their 99th anniversary. Although it is commonly known as "Double Ten Day," this year, the anniversary can be called "Triple Ten Day," as it falls on the tenth day of the tenth month of the tenth year of this millennium.

This important date commemorates the Wuchang Uprising of October 10, 1911, which was the impetus for the fall of the Qing Dynasty in China, leading to the creation a few months later of the Republic of China, commonly known as Taiwan.

October 10 is the National Celebration Day in Taiwan. It is as important to the Taiwanese people as the Fourth of July is to Americans, and many American cities, including Chicago and San Francisco, have large celebrations to mark the occasion.

Sadly, the destruction and devastation caused by Typhoon Morakot last year caused Taiwanese President a to cancel the national festivities to pay respect to those who had lost their lives. Additionally, funds normally used for celebration were instead used to aid victims of the disaster.

Today, Taiwan is a valued partner of the United States and I extend my best wishes to Taiwan for a wonderful 99th anniversary this year, and I look forward to celebrating their 100th anniversary with them next year.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY OF NORTH PLAINS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial anniversary of the

community of North Plains, Oregon. The celebration being held on Saturday October 2, 2010, is a tribute to the residents of North Plains, both past and present, whose years of hard work, persistence, and endurance is a reflection of the values embodied by their community.

North Plains is situated at the base of Oregon's Coastal Range, which houses one of Oregon's finest watersheds. North Plains is home to Pumpkin Ridge golf course and Bob Horning's hideout, whose music festivals and frisbee golf course attract visitors from across the country, along with numerous other locally owned businesses. At the heart of the North Plains community are picturesque farms, nurseries, and wineries which produce everything from Christmas trees and Halloween pumpkins to small fruits and world class wines. Each August, North Plains celebrates its agricultural heritage by hosting the world's largest elephant garlic festival—an event my kids and I look forward to participating in on our way to camping at nearby Stub Stewart State park, our most recently dedicated state park.

Former Oregon Governor Tom McCall once said: "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, This is my community, and it is my responsibility to make it better." The residents of North Plains are American heroes who have devoted their lives to making our country and their community better.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating North Plains on this remarkable achievement. North Plains' history of land stewardship has been an asset to our state and region, and it serves as a model to be emulated. I am proud to serve a community with such a strong commitment to the livelihoods of its families, and I look forward to hearing of North Plains' ongoing successes in the years to come.

MARGARET-LEE THOMPSON

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of a constituent whose lifetime of passionate and intensive work on behalf of developmentally disabled children and adults has been recognized at a national level.

Margaret-Lee Thompson, a resident of Redmond, Washington, and the coordinator of the King County Parent Coalition for Development Disabilities, was awarded the "Advocacy Matters!" honor by the Arc of the United States because of her efforts and courageous advocacy.

Ms. Thompson's adult son, Dan, has lived with disabilities his entire life. While focusing wholly on the daily needs of her son, Madam Speaker, Ms. Thompson identified a variety of inconsistent and wrong-headed policies and practices at different levels of government and local organizations. In 1990, seizing on a six-month grant opportunity to bring parents of the developmentally disabled and policy makers together, Margaret founded the Parent Coalition. Twenty years later, Ms. Thompson is nationally recognized as a committed, veteran leader of an incredibly worthy movement. Her work and advocacy have changed hearts and minds, Madam Speaker.

The Parent Coalition—with Ms. Thompson as its leader—has three overarching goals: to work for a better future for people with developmental disabilities and their families through systems advocacy, to organize parent training workshops, and to inform families in King County, Washington about the developmental disabilities system at all levels. Under Ms. Thompson's leadership, the Coalition has accomplished its goals—and much more.

Madam Speaker, Margaret-Lee Thompson is a leader, an advocate, and a social entrepreneur. She's helped thousands of developmentally disabled individuals in King County and influenced thousands more policy makers, community leaders, and residents. After 20 years of leadership and advocacy, Ms. Thompson has finally received the type of recognition she so richly deserves. She's a selfless humanitarian, Madam Speaker, and I'm honored to call her a constituent, thank you.

OVERBROOK SCHOOL

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Overbrook School in Nashville, Tennessee. This year, Overbrook was named a National Blue Ribbon School, a tremendous honor from the U.S. Secretary of Education acknowledging Overbrook's outstanding scholastic achievement.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools for excellence in academic achievement. Overbrook is one of only 304 schools nationwide to receive 2010 Blue Ribbon designation and is the only Nashville area school to be honored this year. Overbrook is also the first Catholic elementary school in Nashville to receive the coveted award.

Since it opened in 1936 as a co-educational, Catholic school, Overbrook students have pursued academic, cultural, and spiritual growth. Situated on the Dominican Campus in the heart of Nashville, students from kindergarten through eighth grade thrive in an environment that promotes academic excellence and a life of faith. Overbrook School is an institution that values a well-rounded education in a nurturing setting.

And so, Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Overbrook School for being named a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the students, teachers, parents and staff who have helped Overbrook School set a standard of excellence for elementary schools across middle Tennessee.

RECOGNIZING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF FALLS CHURCH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Second Baptist

Church of Falls Church for its 140th anniversary, themed "celebrating 140 years of service to God through prayer, worship and praise."

Founded shortly after the Civil War, the Second Baptist Church has grown from a small two-room cabin to a two-story church on "Baptist Hill." Not only has the Church served as a symbol and source of faith for the congregation, but it has also acted as a community center, opening its doors to various groups such as Girl and Boy Scout troops, nursery school classes, and other community organizations. The Second Baptist Church also has served the Falls Church community by founding the Food Bank and the S.H.A.R.E. Food Network.

This past week the Church hosted a series of worship services and community events to honor this momentous occasion. It will host a celebratory dinner on October 3 with a concert to conclude the week's events.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the Second Baptist Church of Falls Church. For 140 years the Second Baptist Church has served the community through prayer, worship and praise. I would like to extend my congratulations and thank the Church for its commitment to faith and to the community.

ON THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a storied institution of faith in the Third Congressional District. This year, the Fifth Street Baptist Church is celebrating its 130th anniversary, and I would like to highlight some moments from the history of the church and its contribution to our community.

Fifth Street was organized in 1880 and first worshiped in the old Odd Fellows Hall on East Franklin Street. The church acquired land for a sanctuary on Fifth Street in 1882, and became known as Fifth Street Baptist. The first pastor, Rev. Henry Haywood Mitchell, served for 2 years. Under the pastorate of Rev. A.P. Dunbar, the new house of worship was completed and dedicated in 1886.

Fifth Street grew rapidly under the leadership of its third pastor, Rev. Wesley Paul Graham. At the end of one revival, Rev. Graham singlehandedly baptized 285 people in one afternoon. It was under his direction that the first Baptist Young Peoples Union in Virginia was established at Fifth Baptist. This Union was influential in the plans to consolidate Richmond Theological Seminary and Wayland Seminary of Washington, DC into one institution—Virginia Union University. Rev. Graham served Fifth Baptist for 17 years, with the highlight of his pastorate being the 1900 Session of the National Baptist Convention hosted at Fifth Street Baptist.

Fifth Street flourished in Richmond during the turn of the century. Under the leadership of its fourth pastor, Rev. Thomas J. King, the

first Deaconess board in the city was organized, and hundreds of new members were added to the church. It was also during Rev. King's ministry, on July 4, 1926, that a new sanctuary was dedicated at 705 North Fifth Street.

The Great Depression brought with it a share of challenges for Fifth Baptist. In response, the church called a pastor who had already built a church in Philadelphia and was proven as a skilled leader. On the first Sunday in February, 1930, Rev. Christopher Columbus Scott became the fifth pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church, and he served the church for 36 years. During his years of service, the church celebrated the burning of its mortgage in 1946, installed a new 22 rank pipe organ in 1955, and led the city-wide celebration of Emancipation Day for many years, bringing nationally known speakers and rallies for civil rights to the church.

Changes in the city of Richmond brought changes to Fifth Baptist under the leadership of its sixth pastor, Rev. Henry Clayton Gregory III, who assumed leadership of the church in August 1967. New expressway construction and other municipal developments had geographically split the Jackson Ward/Navy Hill community. In response, the church rededicated its efforts to the community, serving as a command post for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Poor People's March and establishing a Federal Credit Union for members. Fifth Baptist also looked to serve the world at large, building a medical clinic in Karnal, India.

In January 1974, Rev. Roscoe Dennis Cooper, Jr. was installed as the seventh pastor of Fifth Baptist. It was under his leadership that the church undertook the biggest change in its history. Citing growing problems with the location in Downtown Richmond, the church took the bold step to move 37 blocks away to a new property on Third Avenue. On Sunday, October 5, 1975, the church members marched these blocks to the church's new home in the Highland Park Community.

The church's eleventh and current pastor is Rev. F. Todd Gray. At the church's new location and under his leadership, Fifth Street has continued to minister to the needs of the community. Coming together with community neighbors, the church helped found the North District Community Development Corporation. Under this organization, the church, in conjunction with the Southern Tip Civic Association, The United Way, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, and other community groups, has provided numerous programs to the community including: computer training, test prep, job training, summer jobs for youth, and medical services. In 2005, the church dedicated a new Community Empowerment Center known as the G.R.A.C.E., God's Redemptive And Community Empowerment, Center.

As Fifth Street gathers to celebrate this historic milestone, the church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future continuing to "bring the Kingdom to the Community!" I would like to congratulate current pastor Rev. Gray and all of the members of the Fifth Street Baptist Church on the occasion of their 130th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND DOCTOR SAM E. MANN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SAINT MARK UNION CHURCH AND UNITED INNER CITY SERVICES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Rev. Doctor Samuel E. Mann, an individual who has dedicated his life to helping the underserved in the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, the District that I am honored to represent. This weekend, Reverend Mann is retiring, after 40 years as Pastor Administrator of St. Mark Union Church and executive director of United Inner City Services. In that capacity, he oversaw a budget of \$1.5 million annually, a sixty-two member staff and programs that included: child and family development, social services, and community development and street organizations and violence prevention.

He is a native of Eufaula, Alabama and a graduate of Birmingham Southern College, BA; Duke Divinity School, M. Div., and St. Paul School of Theology, D. Min. He is married to Dr. Beverly J. Brown, and is the father of three children and grandfather of seven.

Remarkably, Rev. Mann was a local preacher at the age of 15 years old at the First Methodist Church of Eufaula, Alabama; he was later the Associate Pastor of St. John United Methodist Church of Kansas City, Missouri, and sometime later, the Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Peculiar, MO, and Director of the Young Adult Projects, Inc. Rev. Mann was dismissed from both churches because of his views on race and peace.

As a long-time civil rights activist, Rev. Mann marched in numerous demonstrations, including the march for the garbage workers in Memphis, Tennessee, the march against the war in Vietnam, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was part of the U.S. delegation that visited with South Africa ANC leader Dr. Nelson Mandela shortly after his release from prison. Dr. Mann has also been jailed on several occasions for his participation in these activities. He served as a key participant in the national effort to respond to the burning of black churches in America. He has traveled to Nicaragua and China for various humanitarian efforts.

Rev. Mann was instrumental in the formation of Operation Break and Build, a street outreach organization that evolved out of the Urban Peace and Justice Summit in 1994. Its purpose was to assist street organizations, gangs, with transforming their lives via crisis intervention, education, economic development, addressing women's issues, and criminal justice.

He has been the recipient of many awards, including the NAACP Harold Holiday Award; the John M. Swomley Human Rights Award, the Elder Statesmen of Kansas City award, the MO Jazz award, the Sam Eason Award presented by Niles Home; the Black Archives of Mid-America award; the Beta Omega PSI PHI Fraternity Inc.'s Citizen of the Year Award; and many, many more. He is co-founder of the project "Reframing the Dialogue on Race in America." Through this national project, he attempts to address the problem of

race by focusing on the issues of white supremacy and white privilege. Through training, he seeks to inspire ministries to address racism in their congregations.

His most recent project was the building of the \$4 million child care center, the St. Mark Child & Family Development Center, located at 2008 E. 12th Street in Kansas City, Missouri. St. Mark's is a state of the art child care facility that annually serves approximately 225 low-income families through its early childhood education program, before- and after-school program, and summer camp. Nearly 100 percent of the children are African American, with many living in single parent households in one of Kansas City, Missouri's poorest neighborhoods.

Rev. Mann is presently a leader working in concert with other agencies in making Kansas City a Zone Seven site to provide additional services in the urban core for the education of children. I am proud of the federal funding I helped secure for St. Mark.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor and privilege for me to recognize my friend, and colleague, the Reverend Doctor Sam Mann for his efforts to improve the education and quality of life in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. It is with great pride that we honor Reverend Doctor Mann today for his commitment to the residents of Missouri. On behalf of the people of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, I wish this thunderous preacher and fearless prophet a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN INGLEWOOD, CA

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Highland Elementary School in Inglewood, California, located in my district. Highland was recently named a Blue Ribbon School by the Department of Education, a coveted award recognizing high-performing and improving schools across our country. This year, Highland shares this distinction with 304 other schools among the thousands of schools in the United States.

Highland and its teachers, administrators, staff, students, parents and community members have really been on a roll. In addition to the Blue Ribbon award, the school was also named a California Distinguished School, and Highland is a two-time Title One Academic Achievement School and California Business School of Excellence.

I am very appreciative of the efforts by this Congress and this Administration to focus on education and the future of our young students. We must remain committed to improving schools and providing opportunity for all Americans to learn.

In my district, like many communities in urban America, test scores are below average, buildings are in disrepair, and graduation rates are too low.

I was so encouraged to hear about Highland's honor because one of the two ways to qualify for the Blue Ribbon award is by having schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds improve student performance to high levels.

Improving test scores early on is crucial to getting kids on the right path to a solid education and key to securing critical resources that will help our schools turn around.

I want to particularly honor Highland principal Susan Ippongi and Inglewood Unified School District superintendent Gary McHenry for their leadership and their dedication to schoolchildren in Inglewood.

I am looking forward to meeting them in November when representatives from the Blue Ribbon schools come to Washington to be formally recognized for their achievements.

I am very proud of Highland's ability to excel over adversity, and particularly proud of the young boys and girls who are studying hard for a bright future. They are giving Highland Elementary School, our community, our city and our country a good name.

HONORING ZOILA A. QUIÑONES

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I rise to honor one of south Florida's finest community leaders, Zoila A. Quiñones.

Zoila was born in the city of Cabana, Peru and completed her studies at the prestigious Colegio Nacional Mercedes Cabello in Lima, Peru and graduated as a Commercial Accountant. She then went on to work at one of Peru's finest engineering and architecture firms, Graña y Montero, S.A., for 26 years.

In 1986, Zoila came to the United States from her native Peru to join her mother and brother in Miami, Florida. She started a career in the cargo industry and eventually founded her own company, Cabana International Corporation. She also began her activism within the Peruvian American community of south Florida and is today one of its most influential leaders. She is involved with various civic and business groups including the Peruvian American Coalition, the Chamber of Commerce of Florida, the Ancashina Association and the Peruvian Civic Unity.

For nearly 23 years, Zoila has also taken an active role in the democratic process by educating policymakers at all levels of government about issues important in the Peruvian American community, working to ensure that the United States and Peru strengthen diplomatic ties, and helping shape legislation and policy towards Latin America. She has also been instrumental in fighting for small businesses, advancing economic growth in the United States and working towards free trade with Peru.

Zoila has earned the respect and trust of many in our community, dedicating herself to advancing the needs of the Hispanic community in the United States. I ask that you join me in honoring and thanking my good friend Zoila A. Quiñones, a true leader who loves and values freedom and works so that others may enjoy it.

THANKING TAEKWONDO GRAND MASTER JHOON RHEE FOR HIS 45 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

HON. ENI F.H. FALDOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FALDOMAVEGA. Madam Speaker, Grand Master Jhoon Rhee is a man of rare character. An immigrant from South Korea who came to the United States in the 1950s, later to be known as the "Father of American Taekwondo," he has become an American symbol of patriotism, service, and excellence.

Today, we celebrate Grand Master Rhee's 45 years of service sharing his wisdom, experience, and knowledge as a Taekwondo instructor with over 350 members of Congress. Yet beyond the contributions he has made to members of Congress for almost half a century, Grand Master Rhee has served this country through countless acts of service. Thought time does not permit me to share them all, please allow me to share some of the highlights today and give due honor to a man who truly makes me proud to be an American.

Born on January 7, 1932 in South Korea during the period of Japanese occupation, Mr. Rhee began training in the martial arts at the age of 13. Serving as an officer in the Korean War, Rhee fought alongside American soldiers, where he gained a deep appreciation for the country that he now calls home.

Rhee immigrated to the United States in 1956, introducing Taekwondo to the Nation. A World-renowned 10th Degree Black Belt, he has instructed and inspired students around the world. In addition to the over 350 members of Congress he has instructed over the past 45 years, Grand Master Rhee has also shared his wisdom and knowledge with the likes of Muhammad Ali, Jack Anderson, George Allen Sr., Bob Livingston, Tony Robbins, and Jack Valenti.

Yet his service does not end here. In 1983, Mr. Rhee—a symbol of patriotism—served as National Chairman of the July 4th, 1983 Nation's Birthday Celebration. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the National Council on Vocational Education, where he created National Teacher Appreciation Day—a day of honor for our Nation's educators which was signed by President Ronald Reagan on October 16, 1986, and continues today.

From 1988 to 1991, he served as President George H.W. Bush's appointment as Special Advisor to the President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports, and on March 17, 1992 he was selected as the President's 721st "Daily Point of Light"—an award that honors individuals and volunteer groups around the country who are helping to meet critical needs in their communities.

In 1999, Rhee received the American Immigrants Achievement Award and the National Association of Professional Martial Arts, NAPMA, Life Time Achievement Award, and in 2000, he became the only Korean-American named by the National Immigrant Forum and the Immigration and Naturalization Services as one of the 203 most recognized immigrants in the country, along with Albert Einstein, Alexander Graham Bell and 200 others. Rhee was also inducted into the Taekwondo Hall of

Fame in 2007 as both the "Pioneer of American Taekwondo" and the "Pioneer of Taekwon-Do in Russia." He currently has over 60 affiliated Tae Kwon Do studios in the U.S. and 65 in the former Soviet Union.

It takes but a moment in Grand Master Rhee's presence to sense his honor for this country and to see that he truly exemplifies the American spirit. He is a living reminder of the goodness of this nation to the U.S. and the world. I must echo my dear friend, Congressman Ike Skelton, who once said, "I might say Master Jhoon Rhee has become a national treasure."

But what better way to gain a deeper sense of this man's rare patriotism and love for America, than in his own words. In a recent statement shared with my office, Grand Master Rhee wrote, "I fought the Korean War side by side with American soldiers, who came to defend a country they never heard of, people they never knew. This is why I wanted to do something for what America had done for my motherland, Korea, with what I can do the best, TKD [Taekwondo]. The sense of my gratitude for America gave me the energy to get up 5 AM, 3 mornings a week for the last 45 years to teach over 350 members of U.S. Congress, as my volunteer service; I will give 5 more years to make it five decades of my service."

Reflecting on the strength of this nation, Grand Master Rhee stated, "I became curious what made America so great. In my sincere search for the roots of America's strength, I found the noblest mission statement ever written by any country in history. American Founding Fathers wrote the 'Mission Statement of America' to place upon America the responsibility of serving as the vanguard nation for the moral and political Freedom of all mankind, not just for American people. No wonder, why Alexis De Tocqueville, a French Juror in 1831, wrote: 'America is great because She is good; if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.'"

Today I ask my fellow members of Congress to honor a man whose character, patriotism, and heart of service calls for our sincere respect and gratitude. Grand Master Rhee, today I celebrate and thank you for your 45 years of service to the members of this Chamber and the Senate. More importantly, I thank you for your example to the citizens of this Nation—for increasing the hope within each of us, for reminding us of the beauty and strength of our nation, and for inspiring individuals and groups of every walk of life to continually press towards the call to take it higher and make it better.

TRIBUTE TO GENE YEAGER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Ernest Eugene "Gene" Yeager, a successful businessman, philanthropist, outstanding community member and close personal friend of mine. On Sunday, September 5, 2010, Gene passed away at the age of 85. Although Gene has passed on from this life, he leaves a lasting legacy of generosity and accomplishment that will never be forgotten.

More than 700 people gathered to pay tribute to Gene at the California Baptist University quad, just behind the center that bears his name. The two-hour service brought together people throughout the community that Gene touched during his life, including industry leaders, former employees, friends and family members. Gene's life tells the tale of a man who turned his business empire into a conduit for blessing the lives of people around him.

Gene Yeager was born in Riverside in 1924. He graduated from Poly High School in 1942 and studied engineering at the University of California at Berkeley. In 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy. After World War II ended, he returned to Berkeley, where he received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Together with his two brothers, Richard and Jacques, they went to work for their father, Ernest Louis Yeager, who founded E.L. Yeager Construction Company in Riverside in 1919. Gene ran the public works side of the operations business which worked on projects to improve major freeways, dams and bridges. The brothers turned the business into one of the largest public works and private construction companies in the United States, and one that changed the landscape of Southern California.

With Gene at the head, the Yeager Company rebuilt two bridges that collapsed in the 1994 Northridge earthquake, built the Highway 91/Interstate 15 interchange in Corona, built the dam at Lake Perris and helped erect the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana.

After Richard was killed in a traffic accident in 1979, Gene and Jacques continued to run the company until 1995, when they sold it to a group of senior managers. In 2002, the business was sold to Skanska, the Swedish construction giant.

Through the years, Gene had become a leader and an industry icon. He is remembered just as fondly by his construction workers as he is with the people at Skanska, because of his intense work ethic and generous heart.

After retiring in 1995, Gene set about traveling the world with his wife, spending time with his family and generously making donations to worthy causes in the Riverside area, including a \$1 million endowment to fund environmental research and scholarships at the University of California at Riverside.

In fact, his charitable work earned him "guardian angel" status in Riverside. Everyone that knew Gene, knew that he gave from the heart, and did so without any desire for recognition.

In addition to his wife, Billie, Mr. Yeager is survived by sons Ken, of San Jose, and Tom, of Riverside; daughters Beth, of Norco, and Louise, of Newport Beach; stepchildren Terri, of Riverside, and Doug Moore, of Rancho Cucamonga; brother Jacques, of Riverside; nephew Jacques Jr., of Riverside; and 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

On behalf of all those who knew him, it is an honor to offer these remarks as a tribute to the life and legacy of my friend Gene Yeager. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his dear family and friends.

ON THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SIXTH MOUNT ZION BAPTIST
TEMPLE

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a historic institution of faith in the Third Congressional District. This November, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple will celebrate its 110th anniversary, and I would like to highlight some moments from the history of the church and its contributions to our community.

The seeds of Sixth Mount Zion were originally planted in 1900, when transplanted citizens from Charles City County and Richmond, working in the Newport News Shipyard, sought to establish a Missionary Baptist Church in the area. The first services, officiated by Rev. N.E. Nelson, were held in a private home on 22nd Street in Newport News. Rev. Chase Patterson assumed control of the church for a brief period, and started to organize Sixth Mount Zion as a Missionary Baptist Church.

Third Pastor Rev. W.M. Greene continued to organize the church, founding a Recognition Council to establish the congregation as an independent body, and in November 1901, that recognition was granted. After this initial establishment, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church went through 19 pastors until the church installed Rev. W.J. Brown as pastor in 1912. During this era the church worshipped in a borrowed building on 24th Street.

Rev. Brown served Sixth Mount Zion faithfully for 45 years until his death in 1957. He was succeeded by Rev. James Melvin Owens, who was installed as pastor in 1959. That same year, a fire destroyed the church building, but through the faithfulness of the congregation, a new building was built in the footprint of the old one at 643 24th Street.

Rev. Owens passed away in 1964 after 6 years of service to Sixth Mount Zion. The search for the next pastor took over a year, but on June 19, 1966, Rev. M. Ivory Jefferson was installed as the official pastor. One of his first actions, the establishment of a building fund, proved to be essential, when the redevelopment plans of the city of Newport News forced the church to relocate. Sixth Mount Zion met in several different locations from 1973 to 1976. In June of that year, the church purchased a site at 2003 Kecoughtan Road in Hampton, and the church was renamed Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple. The building was finally completed in 1978.

The move to Hampton was not the only change under Rev. Jefferson. During his tenure, the church also began a radio ministry, arranged annual interstate worship trips, and trained and ordained two Associate Ministers. Rev. Jefferson retired in 1996, and Sixth Mount Zion elected Assistant Pastor Rev. Jerome A. Barber to serve as head pastor in 1997.

The church has grown significantly from 300 to over 4,000 members since Rev. Barber's installation. The church has also been involved in outreach ministries in both Virginia and abroad. Sixth Mount Zion has mobilized action in Kenya, Uganda, and most recently Brazil, providing medical clinics, teacher workshops, and conferences for women and youth.

With its rapid, recent growth, the church outgrew its Kecoughtan Road location. In January 2001 the church moved to its present location at 3100 Butternut Drive in Hampton. In 2002, Rev. Barber established the Six House at the Temple's old Kecoughtan Road location, where the church holds education programs for children, young adults, and lifelong learners.

As Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple gathers to celebrate its 110th anniversary, the church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future with great expectations. I would like to congratulate Rev. Barber and all of the members of Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple on the occasion of their 110th anniversary. I wish them many more years of dedicated service to the community.

STEM CELL THERAPEUTIC AND RESEARCH REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 3751, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2010.

This legislation is identical to H.R. 6081, a bill that I introduced with Mr. YOUNG of Florida to reauthorize critical bone marrow and cord blood transplant programs that save thousands of lives each year.

Each year, nearly 40,000 people under the age of 55 are diagnosed with fatal bone marrow illnesses, and about 16,000 of those individuals can only be treated via blood stem cell transplant.

These patient's lives depend on finding an acceptable adult stem cell donor match—quickly and easily.

The Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2010 would reauthorize the key programs responsible for helping these individuals by recruiting bone marrow, adult stem cell, and cord blood donations; matching donors and potential recipients; and linking these patients to care.

S. 3751 includes two main parts to achieve this spectrum of donation, connection, and care.

The first is the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program, which houses the National Registry, the Office of Patient Advocacy, and the Stem Cell Therapeutic Outcomes Database.

The second is the National Cord Blood Inventory (NCBI), a program that provides grants to public cord blood banks to assist them in collecting a diverse population of donated cord blood units. These units are then listed on the National Registry, where patients and doctors can find them.

The reauthorization represents legislation that is truly bipartisan and bicameral, which is evident in the fact that it passed the Senate by unanimous consent on September 28, 2010.

Mr. Speaker, I commend our Leadership and thank Chairman WAXMAN, Chairman PALLONE and their staffs for bringing the reauthorization to the floor in time to vote before these programs expire on Thursday, September 30, 2010.

This is meaningful legislation with strong bipartisan support and a proven track record.

I urge my colleagues to support passage of this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE BIRTHDAY OF THE LATE MARY CHURCH TERRELL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the birthday of the late Mary Church Terrell, a scholar, political activist and woman of compassion. Mary Church was born in Memphis, Tennessee to Robert and Louisa Church on September 23, 1863, the same year President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Knowing the importance of an education, Ms. Church attended Oberlin College in Ohio, the first institution to admit women and one of the first to admit minorities. Upon her graduation in 1884, Ms. Church became one of the first African American women to graduate from college. She then went on to receive her Master's degree from Oberlin in 1888.

After graduation, Ms. Church moved back to Memphis and traveled to Europe before moving to Washington, DC where she married attorney Robert Herbert Terrell in 1891. During this time Mrs. Terrell took an active role in social reform and volunteer work. She befriended Susan B. Anthony and was active with the suffragist movement, working at the National American Woman Suffrage Association and several other black women's suffragist organizations.

Mary Church Terrell broke barriers by becoming the first African American woman to be appointed to the District of Columbia Board of Education from 1895–1906. She was also active in multiple black women's organizations, all of which strove to terminate both gender and racial discrimination. She was the architect of the merger of these clubs, forming the National Association of Colored Women (NACW) in 1896, becoming the organization's first president. She served as president until 1901 when she was named the honorary president for life.

In 1909, Mary Church Terrell, along with Ida B. Wells, befriended W.E.B. DuBois and later became a charter member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1910, Mrs. Terrell founded the National Association of College Women in 1910 and in 1913 assisted in the formation of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated where she wrote the sorority's creed. In 1933, Oberlin College recognized her as one of its one hundred outstanding alumni during their centennial celebration. Oberlin conferred upon Mrs. Terrell the honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1948.

Mary Church Terrell passed away at age 90 on July 24, 1954, two months after the monumental Brown vs. Board of Education decision. From the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation to the Brown vs. Board of Education decision, Mary Church Terrell was here to witness great social reforms for African Americans. Hers was a life well lived.

HONORING CHIEF RON REEVES OF
THE CHANDLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I honor Chief Ron Reeves, who is celebrating 30 years as the Chief of Police of Chandler, Texas.

Chief Reeves was appointed Chief of Police for the Chandler Police Department in 1980, after joining the department in 1979 as a reserve officer. Ronnie, as most people affectionately know him, has served the citizens of Chandler well over the past 30-plus years. Not only has he served the community, but he and his wife, Barbara, chose to raise their three children, Stephanie, Jessica and Matthew in this East Texas town and make it their home.

Chief Reeves is licensed as a Master Peace Officer for the State of Texas. Throughout his years of service, Chief Reeves has given countless individuals their initial start in law enforcement. Those he mentored have gone on to serve our communities and the State of Texas in the Texas Attorney General's Office, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, as an elected constable, and countless chiefs of police.

Chief Reeves even took the initiative to form the Chandler Police Explorers program that gives young people the opportunity to see firsthand how law enforcement protects and serves their community. His desire to serve his community continues at his local church where he serves as the children's ministry leader.

It has been said that Ronnie's lifelong desire has been to help people in need, to make a lasting difference in his community and to leave a legacy of service, compassion, fairness and honor. As the representative for the Fifth District of Texas, I would like to say job well done, Chief. I thank you for your service, sacrifice and commitment for over 30 years to the Chandler community.

200TH BIRTHDAY OF ELIZA
MCCARDLE JOHNSON

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the birthplace of Mrs. Eliza McCardle Johnson, born October 4, 1810 in Washington County in Tennessee. October 4, 2010 will mark her 200th birthday.

Eliza's birthplace is the present day site of McCarty Cemetery, Telford, TN on Highway 11-E, just four miles west of Jonesborough, Tennessee.

In May of 1827, Eliza McCardle married Andrew Johnson, who went on to become the Governor of Tennessee, the Vice-President of the United States, and eventually, the 17th President of the United States.

Ms. Eliza became the First Lady of Tennessee and the First Lady of the United

States. She stood by her husband and served as his faithful advisor until her death.

Even today, the Andrew Johnson Historical Museum is located in Greeneville, TN, where the Johnsons established their home.

Madam Speaker, I recognize and honor the First Lady of Tennessee, Mrs. Eliza McCardle Johnson, born in Washington County. I am proud to reside in east Tennessee, the same dwelling place as her and her husband.

CELEBRATING FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the First Baptist Church of Cedartown, Georgia for their 175th anniversary. First Baptist was built in 1835 and has been a landmark in my district for many years.

The church gives back to the community through different programs which include scholarships for aspiring ministry students, financial assistance to the disadvantaged, providing volunteers and food for the local food pantry, and sponsoring a support group for those who have lost a spouse—just to name a few. First Baptist and its members provide immeasurable aid to those most in need in Cedartown, and for that I know the community is most grateful.

First Baptist's charity work also reaches far outside of Georgia—the church has maintained its leadership in missions by sponsoring individual missionaries in Germany and the Middle East.

Madam Speaker, I am extremely proud of First Baptist's accomplishments, and I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on their 175th anniversary.

GEMSTONE FOUNDATION

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Gemstone Foundation, a not-for-profit organization in my home state of California working to improve reading skills of low-performing students.

The Gemstone Foundation's work is based on the theory that many students with poor or below grade level reading skills suffer from low "eye-brain coordination". Their research shows that children who read below grade level often have problems with coordinating the two eyes, tracking and scanning, or re-focusing their eyes rapidly. Most students' eyes glide across a page as they read without difficulty; however, up to 50 percent of poor readers experience one of the problems Gemstone identified. This may prevent those readers from being able to finish reading a line without stopping or skipping, significantly impairing their reading and comprehension.

Through an innovative, computer- and Internet-based course, Gemstone helps people who demonstrate ocular discrepancies to train their eye muscles, improving their reading abilities. In 2009, the foundation used ARRA grant funding from the National Institutes of Health to complete a pilot project of their technique at a Los Angeles Unified School District campus. Low performing elementary school students who participated in the project, called "The Eyes Have It!", demonstrated an average 25 percent improvement in reading fluency in just two months.

I applaud the Gemstone Foundation for their special focus on helping people who otherwise would not have access to visual skill development programs: children in low-income or low-performing schools; juvenile offenders; and people in adult literacy programs. I commend the foundation and its board members for their work and encourage my colleagues to learn more about it.

A TRIBUTE TO WAYNE WILTSHIRE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Wayne Wiltshire for his achievements in the healthcare field.

Mr. Wiltshire is a graduate of Canarsie High School, and received a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Politics Island from Shaw University. He went on to earn a Master's Degree in Community Health from Long Island University and a Law Degree from Concord University.

Wayne Wiltshire began his career in health care as Administrator for Emergency Ambulatory Care Services at Cumberland Hospital. He then became the Associate Executive Director at Woodhull Hospital, which he helped open in 1982. During his time at Woodhull, he opened In-Patient, Emergency, and Psychiatric services. He then returned to renovate the new Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center, and served as Cumberland's Executive Director for eight years. Following his time at Cumberland, he was transferred to Bellevue Hospital, where he served for five years as the hospital's first African-American Associate Executive Director for Psychiatry and Emergency Services. Mr. Wiltshire also worked as an Adjunct Professor at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn and owned his own ambulette service, Health Link Incorporated, with his family.

Mr. Wiltshire is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Paul J. Cooper Center for Human Services, formerly the Brownsville-Ocean Hill Mental Health Service. While at Paul J. Cooper Center for Human Services, he relocated the Administrative, Mental Health, and Chemical Dependency Services to new state of the art facilities.

Mr. Wiltshire and his wife Donna, a 30 year health professional, celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary in July. Together, they have four children and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Wayne Wiltshire.

RECOGNIZING THE DALE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR WINNING THE 2010 GREEN BUSINESS REGION AWARD FROM THE WASHINGTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department for winning the 2010 Green Business Region Award from the Washington Business Journal. The fire department joined the effort toward building a more sustainable environment with the opening of its new green station.

The new station includes environmentally sustainable amenities such as energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, motion-sensor lights, two balconies featuring green roofs, and a new fitness room with a scenic view providing an area for the firefighters to exercise and relax. The new station also includes an 11,000-gallon tank under the front yard, which collects rainwater that is used for irrigation. In addition, the new station's design helps to protect more than an acre of land that will be preserved as a natural habitat.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department for its contributions to the community. As protectors of the community, the firefighters of Dale City also serve as leaders in the growing initiative to protect and preserve the environment.

TASTE WASHINGTON DAY

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, today is Taste Washington Day, when more than sixty local schools and fifty local farms in my home state team up to celebrate Washington-grown produce and teach kids about healthy eating habits by featuring locally-sourced meals in the school cafeterias.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Farm-to-School Program and the Washington School Nutrition Association (WSNA) have partnered with local schools to feature Washington-grown foods in their school meals. From fresh-dug potatoes in potato salad to just-picked lettuces in fresh salads, this state-wide event is a great opportunity for students, teachers, and parents to consider where their food comes from, how it is produced and the benefits of a healthy diet.

Washington state is one of the most productive growing regions in the world. Our \$38 billion agricultural industry is one of the cornerstones of our state's economy and supports over 160,000 jobs. If the Midwest is our nation's breadbasket and California our salad bowl, then I submit that Washington is our nation's fruit stand. We may be famous for our apples, which constitute 59 percent of U.S. production, but we also rank first in our nation's production of sweet cherries, red raspberries, hops, and pears. Our rich soils,

unique climate and hard-working growers produce a wide array of agricultural products like wheat, potatoes and wine grapes for local, regional, national and global markets. Our geographic location and deep-water ports make us well positioned for global trade. Nearly \$14.8 billion in food and agricultural products were exported through Washington ports in 2008, the third largest total in the U.S.

Our agricultural bounty supports a \$13 billion food processing industry that employs thousands of Washingtonians. Washington is the leading U.S. producer of apple juice and a leading producer of grape and berry juices. It also has a vibrant and growing wine industry and is the second largest wine producer in the nation with over 600 wineries. We have a strong and productive food and agriculture industry that feeds and employs people in every single county in Washington. Agriculture has been and will continue to be a strong part of our state's economic and cultural identity.

Taste Washington Day offers our kids a chance to establish a deeper connection and develop a better understanding of our state's food system, from farm to fork and each step in between. The more opportunities our children have to learn about the people, time, effort and resources necessary to turn a seed into a crop, the more they will appreciate the food on their plates. As the next generation, it will be up to them to continue our state's agricultural heritage and history.

The valuable and delicious lessons learned through events such as Taste Washington Day will help them carry on our state's proud traditions.

Nutrition is another key element of Taste Washington Day. Right now, Americans are not eating enough fruits and vegetables. For the sake of our nation's health, we need to find ways to instill healthy eating habits in our children, including eating more fruits and vegetables. The more exposure kids get to fresh, healthy foods, the more they will choose them. Pilot programs in Washington state schools that promote salad bars and healthy choices have shown us that given options, kids will choose fruits and vegetables over prepackaged, processed items. The Washington School Nutrition Association helped school districts put together the menus for today's event, showcasing local produce in healthy menu items, a win for local farms and local kids. Taste Washington Day shows kids that the healthy choice can also be a tasty choice.

I encourage my colleagues to take a look at the relationships Washington schools and farms are building and lessons they are teaching on Taste Washington Day and explore ways they can support such efforts in their own districts.

ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SERVICE OF BISHOP SAMUEL L. GREEN, JR. AT ST. JOHNS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Samuel Green, Jr.,

Pastor of St. Johns Church in Newport News, Virginia. This is the 50th anniversary of Bishop Green's service to St. Johns and the people of Newport News, and I would like to take this moment to recognize some of his numerous accomplishments during that time.

A native of Norfolk, Virginia, Bishop Green is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. He studied at both Norfolk State University and Old Dominion University, and received his Master's in Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry from Norfolk Seminary and College. Bishop Green married his childhood sweetheart, Vivian Frazier Green in 1946. They were married for 61 years and had nine children. A true partner in his ministry, Mrs. Green passed away in 2007.

Bishop Green became pastor of St. Johns in 1960. In this position, Bishop Green has been an extraordinary shepherd over a vibrant and growing flock. He has served on countless church and community boards and commissions, and his exceptional service has earned him honors and citations from the Clergy Economic Education Foundation, the Southeastern Tidewater Opportunity Project, and the cities of Norfolk and Roanoke. Bishop Green has received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Trinity Hall College and Seminary and an Honorary Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies.

In 1973, Bishop Green was appointed Prelate of the Second Jurisdiction, State of Virginia, by the Presidium Board of the Churches of God in Christ, Inc. He was named successor to his mentor, the late Bishop D. Lawrence Williams. Under Bishop Green's leadership, the 52 church jurisdiction has grown to 72 churches. In 1984, Bishop Green was elected to the General Board of the Churches of God in Christ, Inc. He is currently serving his sixth term in office.

In 1978, Bishop Green announced to his congregation that he had been called to establish the Faith for Living Television Outreach Ministry. Starting with a group of 120 supporters, the ministry has grown to the point where Rev. Green now owns WJCB TV-49. The ministry, honored by the National Religious Broadcasters Association, sponsors a television program that airs nationally on the Inspirational Cable Network (INSP) on Sunday mornings.

On the occasion of his 50th anniversary, it gives me great pleasure to recognize and commend Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr. for his service and dedication to the parishioners of St. Johns Church of God in Christ, the people of Newport News, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

HONORING COLBY MARSHALL

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and express gratitude to Colby Marshall, a very special individual who recently traded in his public service in the Congress for public service in his community and dedication to his family's half-century old ranching business in eastern Oregon.

Colby was born and raised in the rural high desert area of Burns, Oregon, near Riley, where his parents Gary and Georgia still operate the Broken Circle Ranch. Colby recently

returned "home on the range" after 8 years of selfless service to the people of Oregon's Second District. His transition to the ranching business continues a proud family tradition five generations in the making.

In 1993, Colby graduated from Burns High School and went on to attend college at Ambassador University in east Texas, where he met his beautiful bride of 15 years, Shelley, whose family has ranched in and around Pendleton and been involved with the world-famous Pendleton Round Up Rodeo and Happy Canyon Pageantry Show for 100 years. Together, Colby and Shelley have two wonderfully charming children: seven-year-old daughter Hadley and nearly-four-year-old son Wyatt.

Colby graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of science in agriculture business management in 1999 from Eastern Oregon University. He worked several jobs to put himself and Shelley through school: he drove a mail carrier truck, tutored his peers, worked at the local grain co-op, and fought wildfires with the elite La Grande Hotshots. He still found time to rise to president of the student body. Little wonder he was honored with the Outstanding Agriculture Graduating Senior Award and Outstanding Student Leadership Award.

Colby got his first taste of Congress as an intern for Chairman Bob Smith, my predecessor in the Second District, on the Committee on Agriculture. Post-college, he worked for Pendleton Grain Growers before serving as Eastern Oregon University's alumni and government relations director. While there, he oversaw the formation of an alumni board of directors and helped lobby successfully for \$32 million to construct the EOU Science Center, a state-federal-private shared enterprise.

In 2002, I made the very wise decision to hire Colby. He remained in my office for the next 8 years. Colby spent 2 years managing my central Oregon office in Bend before moving with Shelley to Washington, DC to manage natural resources and energy policy.

Colby helped shepherd key bipartisan bills through the legislative process, including the Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Reauthorization, and the Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act. Colby managed a package of bills aimed at improving watersheds and water supply—an exceedingly important and delicate issue in the arid lands of eastern Oregon. The Oregon Water Resources Management Act contained four different acts—all became law with overwhelming bipartisan support.

The last major act Colby handled was the Healthy Forests Restoration Amendments Act, which would give federal foresters the tools they need to bring our sick national forests back to health and put people back to work in the forests again. This bipartisan legislation is vital to the rural West. I am hopeful we will carry across the finish line the good work that Colby started.

Colby returned to eastern Oregon in January 2008 to open my office in La Grande—the first ever congressional office on the east side of the State. In July 2009, Colby moved to Bend to once more manage the central Oregon office while continuing to oversee the operation in La Grande.

In March 2010, Colby transitioned out of my office and returned to the family land and livestock business. He is now a manager of the Broken Circle Company, the holding company

for Broken Circle Ranch. He and his family live on the ranch 27 miles outside of Burns. His daughter, Hadley, attends the same one-room school that Colby and his mother both attended.

My colleagues, please join me today in paying tribute to Colby and his family as they turn to their new form of service. His unflinching dedication and faithful service will not soon be forgotten by myself or the many people whose lives he enriched through his outstanding work. While I will miss his counsel, I look forward to his close friendship for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DERRILL YAEGER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Derrill Yaeger, a close personal friend and prominent attorney in the Inland Empire. On Sunday, September 5, 2010, Derrill passed away at the age of 83. He will be deeply missed.

Derrill was born on April 2, 1927, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He attended La Sierra Academy and served as a surgeon's assistant in the Army Medical Corps in World War II. He went on to receive a business degree from La Sierra College and became the founding manager of the Alumni Association of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Derrill eventually resigned from the Alumni Association to pursue a law degree, and while attending law school at night at the University of Southern California, Derrill worked as an investigator for the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney. Upon graduation, he joined the Corona firm established by Walter Clayson in 1910, where he practiced business and real estate law for 45 years. He became a principal shareholder with the firm which is now known as Clayson, Mann, Yaeger and Hansen.

Known for being in his office by 4:00 a.m. many mornings, Derrill built a legacy of well-planned residential and commercial development in Corona, Riverside and Beaumont, and became a leading expert in real estate law and development. His clientele ranged from La Sierra and Loma Linda Universities, to 3M Corporation and the Bren Company. He even served as personal attorney to musician and television star Desi Arnaz for many years.

Through one of his projects, Derrill worked to lift a moratorium on major land development in Corona and worked with the city to create a thriving community south of Ontario Avenue. He also helped Loma Linda University market 300 acres of sheep pasture for development that included homes and a medical plaza, and also provided support for the University's endowment.

Outside of his law career, Derrill remained very active in his community. He was a member of the Loma Linda University Board for 16 years, served on the Board of Directors and as legal counsel to Corona Community Hospital and the Versacare Corporation and later the Versacare Foundation. He also served as the President of the La Sierra University Alumni Association where he was awarded alumnus of the year. La Sierra University even renamed its new entrance road "Yaeger Way" in

Derrill's honor. He was also a member of the Corona Lion's Club for many years. In May 2000, Derrill was given the "Humanitarian of the Year" award at Loma Linda University in recognition of his generous donations and tireless efforts on behalf of the University.

As a longtime member of the Victoria Club in Riverside, Derrill served as Club President from 1994–1995. A decade later, Derrill had the proud honor of witnessing his son, Kurt Yaeger, serve as president from 2005–2006, which was a rare honor.

Though his professional accomplishments were many, Derrill will be remembered for his kindness, integrity, and generosity, which was felt by those around him. Undoubtedly a busy man, Derrill tried to balance his professional life with his personal life, and often acknowledged that spending time with his family was what gave him the most joy. His children fondly remember the cherished time they spent as a family over the dinner table on Sunday nights, a tradition kept through the years.

Derrill is survived by his wife of 59 years, Frances; daughter, Nedra Yaeger; daughter-in-law, Andrea; and grandchildren Jacqueline, Elizabeth, Emily and Adam. Sadly, Derrill's son Kurt recently preceded him in death.

On behalf of all those who knew him, it is my honor to offer these remarks as a tribute to the life and legacy of my friend Derrill Yaeger. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his dear family and friends.

ARTHRITIS PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND CURE ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act. It is estimated that approximately 46 million Americans suffer from arthritis or chronic joint symptoms. Of those, 19 million suffer enough to limit their activities. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), by the year 2030, 25 percent of the population in the United States will have physician-diagnosed arthritis. Those projections are likely to be low since they do not account for an expected increase attributable to rising obesity rates.

Arthritis affects the daily lives of its victims in powerful ways. The pain is often chronic and relief can be rare. The inability to kneel or even walk more than a few hundred yards requires profound changes in almost every aspect of lifestyle. Those stricken might risk losing their job, and their ability to provide for loved ones. It is a devastating disease with no known cure.

The Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act, would establish the National Arthritis Action Program. This program will help in the research and identification of ailments, possible treatments, and preventative methods of Arthritis and other rheumatic diseases. It will also allow the CDC to access more grant money, permitting them to further their research. Those already suffering from arthritis will be assisted with control and prevention programs along with opportunities for patients

to learn self-management. It would also provide education of the public and education and training for physicians.

I am proud to support this bill as an important first step toward a day when we can prevent, treat, and cure Arthritis.

ALGAE-BASED RENEWABLE FUEL PROMOTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, yesterday the House of Representatives passed H.R. 4168, the Algae-based Renewable Fuel Promotion Act of 2009, a bill I am pleased to support. I would like to thank Mr. TEAGUE for his efforts to incentivize the production of environmentally-friendly biofuels. Mr. TEAGUE worked across party lines to advance bipartisan legislation, and he deserves recognition for his leadership.

H.R. 4168 is a significant step forward, but I believe that additional refinements could help incentivize a broader array of environmentally friendly, economically viable biofuels. As we continue working to fine tune this legislation and related proposals, we should seek to ensure that federal tax policy treats all viable technologies fairly and equitably. I look forward to working with Mr. TEAGUE, Mr. BILBRAY, and other interested members to make sure that algal biofuels produced in Northern California fully benefit from this bill.

Developing new sources of cellulosic biofuels is beneficial to the environment, the economy, and national security. I thank the authors of H.R. 4168 for their efforts.

INTRODUCTION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEE DISABILITY INSURANCE ACT OF 2010

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill to offer Federal employees supplemental disability insurance at no cost to the Federal Government. My bill will allow Federal employees to collect disability benefits to replace a portion of their income if they become unable to work because of a non-work related injury or illness. While the Federal Government does offer non-work related disability benefits to Federal employees, they do not protect the lost income of employees who become disabled but who have not been employed by the Federal Government for at least 18 months, or 5 years as the case may be, and are disabled for less than 1 year. Under current law, Federal employees hired before 1984 who become disabled for more than 1 year are eligible to collect their Federal employee retirement pension if they have 5 years of creditable civilian service, while Federal employees hired after 1984 who become disabled for 1 year or more cannot collect such benefits unless they have been employed by the Federal Government for 18 months or more. With-

out the disability insurance option that my bill will offer, a Federal employee who becomes disabled, even for a short time, is at risk of financial ruin.

My bill is also significant because, although it will require Federal employees to pay 100% of premiums, the purchasing power of the Federal Government will allow Federal employees to pay lower insurance premiums and will not exclude those with preexisting conditions. A Federal employee can still elect to purchase disability insurance in the private marketplace, but they may face higher premiums or even be denied coverage altogether because of a pre-existing condition. This bill is a much needed supplement to the insurance benefits currently available to Federal employees.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

THE STEM TO STEAM RESOLUTION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the STEM to STEAM resolution, which recognizes the importance of art and design in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

Art and design advance the understanding of STEM learning and collaboration. In classrooms and laboratories across the country, the innovative practices of art and design play an essential role in improving STEM education and advancing STEM research. In order to strengthen the pipeline of future artists and designers, we must add STEAM to legislation that shapes the future of our education system, especially the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the America Competes Act. Congress must also encourage institutions of higher education to incorporate art and design into their STEM curricula.

Art and design contribute real solutions to our everyday lives, distinguish America's products in a global marketplace, and create opportunity for economic growth in the United States. Artists and designers can effectively communicate complex data and scientific information to multiple stakeholders and broad audiences. The tools and methods they use also offer new models for creative problem-solving and interdisciplinary partnerships in our growing 21st Century economy. For instance, they are integral in planning sustainable neighborhoods, renewable energy initiatives, and health information technologies. They also play a critical role in the development of modern technology to support new American manufacturing opportunities.

It is also important to seek collaboration among the different federal agencies that oversee STEM programs. That is why I recommend the creation of a STEM to STEAM Council, which would bring together artists, designers, education and business leaders, and Federal agencies to facilitate a comprehensive approach to incorporate art and design into Federal STEM programs.

I encourage all my colleagues to support this resolution to change STEM to STEAM to expand innovation and opportunity in our country's education and research fields.

INTRODUCING THE CLEAN, RENEWABLE JET FUEL ACT OF 2010

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, currently, the aviation industry does not have a commercially available low-carbon fuel option nor is there a statutory requirement (like the Renewable Fuel Standard for transportation fuels or tax incentives to help bring one to market. However, low-carbon, renewable aviation biofuels have been successfully tested in flights of both military as well as civilian aircraft.

Unfortunately, the volatility of jet fuel prices makes it difficult for renewable jet fuel to compete with lower-cost petroleum-based fuel and attract the investment necessary to build commercial-scale refineries.

I rise today to introduce the Clean, Renewable Jet Fuel Act of 2010. This bill will establish a responsible loan program that will allow biofuel producers to climb over the economic hurdles associated with commercializing their product. The commercialization of these products will not only create jobs at these facilities it will also create jobs throughout the aviation and agriculture industry. Additionally, the fuels that will be produced will also enhance our Nation's energy security as all of the feedstocks used to make these biofuels can be grown on U.S. soil. Recently, the Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, made the research development, and increased use of alternative fuels a priority for the Department of the Navy.

These biofuels also offer a range of attractive technological and environmental aspects that will introduce efficiencies into our aviation sector that cannot be realized with current petroleum-based fuel sources.

In the great state of Washington, interests from the private sector, universities, and major airports are already working to bring the first generation of aviation biofuels to the market, and their efforts can be greatly enhanced by this legislation. These fuels are based on plants such as camelina, jatropha, and even algae; plants that can be grown right in the Pacific Northwest. In addition to being able to grow these feedstocks in our own backyard, research on the next generation of biofuels is also creating jobs at our highly regarded research institutions. These efforts will make sure that the U.S. secures its competitive edge in this field.

In closing, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill, and hope that we can work together to move it towards passage as soon as possible.

HONORING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I acknowledge this month as Filipino American History Month. With passage of House Resolution 780 last year, the House of Representatives officially recognizes

October as Filipino American History Month and I am proud to note its observance again this year.

Filipino Americans have a longstanding history in the United States. In 1988, the Filipino American National Historical Society established this celebration to mark October 18, 1587, as the date when Filipinos first immigrated to the continental United States in Morro Bay, California.

Filipino Americans are the second largest Asian American ethnic group in the United States and continue to play a prominent role in our country in all facets of public life. One of the largest Filipino American communities in the U.S. resides in my district and I am committed to such a vibrant community. Filipino Americans have long served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and as chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee I continue to honor the military service of Filipino American World War II veterans.

The United States is a nation of immigrants and we celebrate the accomplishments of Americans of all backgrounds. From the military to health care, education, arts, business, sports, government, the sciences and countless other areas of endeavor, Filipino Americans have made and continue to make invaluable contributions to the United States.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this important celebration of Filipino American History Month.

RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER
CLARENCE BROWN

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bartow County Commissioner, Clarence Brown. His dedication to Bartow County and to the 11th District of Georgia has earned him the well-deserved honor of having a new conference center in Bartow County named after him.

Commissioner Brown has earned this great honor for a number of reasons—mostly because he has spent much of his life as a selfless servant to Bartow County. He has developed sustainable growth management plans while perpetuating Bartow's commitment to environmental stewardship. He has also brought a new college campus to Bartow County, and he has established local partnerships with national non-profit organizations while expanding recreation facilities throughout the county.

Madam Speaker, Commissioner Brown has touched and enriched the Bartow community in a number of lasting ways. I would like to congratulate Commissioner Brown on his accomplishments.

WESTERN WATER SUPPLY
ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill that

would expand water supplies, help resolve aging infrastructure in the West and protect irrigated farming acreage—all without increasing federal funding.

This bill, titled the "Western Water Supply Enhancement Act," recognizes the benefits of long-term regional water conservation planning at the local level by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to provide up to \$15 million of already-authorized federal funding to irrigation districts and municipal entities engaged in multi-year, regional, integrated and coordinated water planning. This legislation amends what is commonly known as the "Secure Water Act" provision of Public Law 111-11 to ensure that large conservation efforts are eligible. As opposed to the current small-project-by-small-project approach to conservation, this legislation incentivizes more comprehensive, regional approaches throughout the western United States.

These regional approaches are a result of the Endangered Species Act, which places additional demands on already limited water supplies originally devoted to agriculture or municipalities. The Endangered Species Act is national in scope, but many of its requirements impact local water districts that bear much of the financial burden. Investing limited federal dollars in regional conservation projects that are the result of federal regulations can relieve this pressure and protect and promote existing water uses.

I have always been and will continue to be a strong proponent of new and expanded water storage. Legendary projects, such as the Grand Coulee, Hoover and Glen Canyon dams, are the flagship federal projects that have transformed the American West from the desert to some of the most productive agricultural land in the world. Some in the environmental movement believe that conservation of existing resources is the only way to solve our growing water and power scarcity problems. I beg to differ. Everything, including new storage, regulatory reform and new conservation, has to be on the table for us to resolve our supply problems.

The Western Water Supply Enhancement Act would be one tool in that toolbox. It is not the solution, but it is part of the overall solution to help water utilities with limited, already authorized funding in their efforts to provide water to farm families and help promote a safe and affordable food supply for our nation and the world.

HONORING HAWTHORNE MATH
AND SCIENCE ACADEMY, HAWTHORNE, CA

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Hawthorne Math and Science Academy, HMSA, in Hawthorne, CA. HMSA, a dependent charter high school of the Hawthorne School District located in my congressional district, was recently honored with a Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education, a coveted award recognizing high-performing and improving schools across our country. This year, HMSA shares this distinction with 304 other schools among the thousands of schools in the United States.

I am very proud of the students, faculty, staff, parents, and community members of HMSA. In addition to receiving this prestigious award—the first school within the Hawthorne School District to do so—HMSA was also named a California Distinguished School and was listed—again—as one of the nation's top 100 high schools by U.S. News & World Report.

I want to especially honor Principal Esau Beruman, who is only in his first year as principal of HMSA. I suspect we will continue to see great things from HMSA under his leadership, and I look forward to meeting him and one of HMSA's teachers when they come to Washington, DC in November to be officially honored by the Department of Education.

HMSA has made great strides to create a rigorous and comprehensive academic regimen that prepares its students for college and helps them become well-rounded young adults. It boasts an impressive 97 percent graduation rate.

As its own mission statement reads, "HMSA is committed to creating a challenging, rigorous, standards-based curriculum for all students, regardless of gender, ethnicity, primary language, or special needs status, within a safe and cooperative learning community." I believe the school is not only living up to that standard, but superseding it.

The students of HMSA should be particularly proud of their strong work. They are giving their school, our community, our state, and our country a good name through their dedication, their drive, and their excellence.

Congratulations to HMSA on this latest, but surely not the last, accolade.

THE INSTALLATION OF DR.
CLAUDE G. PERKINS AS VIRGINIA
UNION UNIVERSITY'S 12TH
PRESIDENT

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Claude G. Perkins as Virginia Union University's 12th president. I am proud to represent Virginia Union University (VUU), which is located in Richmond, Virginia, and is one of the nation's oldest Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Established in 1865 on the site of Lumpkin's Jail in order to educate the newly freed slaves, VUU was formed by the merger of Richmond Theological Institute and Wayland Seminary. Hartshorn Memorial College and Storer College were later merged into the University forming a true "union." Today, VUU continues to be nourished by its African American heritage and energized by its commitment to excellence and diversity.

VUU's student body currently numbers 1,500 students—including 1,200 undergraduate and 300 graduate students—consisting primarily of first generation college students. VUU is proud to offer 24 majors at the baccalaureate level, as well as Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Christian Education, and Doctor of Ministry degrees at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology. VUU's Criminal Justice and Mathematics programs are renowned, and many teachers in the City

of Richmond are graduates of VUU's Education program. In addition to excelling in academics, VUU boasts strong extracurricular activities and programs. In particular, VUU has won four NCAA Division II National Basketball Championships—three for the men's team in 1980, 1992, and 2005 and one for the women's team in 1983.

This month, VUU formally installed Dr. Perkins as its 12th president. Dr. Perkins is a veteran educator with ties to Richmond, and I am pleased that he has returned to Richmond to lead this excellent academic institution.

Dr. Perkins has spent over 35 years in education leadership roles at various levels of K–12 and higher education. In Richmond, Virginia, he held the positions of Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent in the Richmond Public School System for several years in the 1980s and early 1990s. Dr. Perkins also served as Superintendent of Schools in Kansas City, Missouri, and Clark County, Nevada. In 2005, the Clark County, Nevada, School Board approved the naming of the new Claude Grandford Perkins Elementary School in recognition of Dr. Perkins' service to the Clark County, Nevada, education community.

In 2009, Dr. Perkins retired from Albany State University, where he spent 10 years in several posts, including Professor of Educational Leadership, Graduate Dean and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. School officials credited him with expanding the graduate program and increasing the University's international partnerships. He also taught graduate education courses.

Dr. Perkins is the recipient of many awards, including: The Ohio University Medal of Merit Award (1982); City of Richmond (Virginia) Resolution in Recognition of Educational Leadership (1997); The James Herbert White Preeminence Award for Education and Academics (2002); and the Nevada Senate Resolution of Educational Achievement (2005).

VUU has already seen significant change in the few short months of Dr. Perkins' leadership. Dr. Perkins led VUU through a successful reaccreditation process, increased enrollment, and began a significant campaign to upgrade classrooms and campus housing.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased that Dr. Perkins is the newest president of VUU. I congratulate him on this outstanding achievement and wish him much success as he continues the efforts to take VUU into the next century as a leader in higher education.

RECOGNIZING HARRY COGHLAN

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Harry Coghlan, a New Yorker who has earned special recognition and praise from the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) for his steadfast commitment to advancing public safety.

On September 15, 2010, Mr. Coghlan was presented with the Director's Award for Excellence by FBI Director Robert S. Mueller. Citing Mr. Coghlan's continuing efforts to assist the mission of law enforcement officials through his donation of digital billboard space in Times Square, Director Mueller recognized Mr.

Coghlan in a special ceremony held in Washington, DC.

Times Square is known around the world for its energy, color, and signature advertising billboards. In January 2010, the FBI announced an agreement with Mr. Coghlan for his company, Spectacolor, to provide 40-foot by 40-foot digital billboard space at the corner of 47th Street and Broadway to display wanted fugitives, missing persons, and high-priority security alerts.

By entering into this agreement, the FBI hoped to follow the trend set by Newark, New Jersey, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by empowering the public in high traffic areas to help law enforcement by providing tips. Given the success of the digital billboard program in those cities, the immediate success of the program in Times Square was a surprise to no one.

On September 12, 2010, the FBI announced the arrest of an alleged mobster who had been displayed on a Times Square billboard in Yonkers, New York. Since the inception of the program in 2007, more than 35 arrests have been made by the FBI in connection with tips prompted by digital billboards.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the FBI for its effective partnerships, and I commend Mr. Harry Coghlan and Clear Channel Spectacolor for their pioneering work to use advanced technology to benefit law enforcement and public safety.

COMMEMORATING THE TRICENTENNIAL OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN WATERFORD

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a very special occasion for the First Baptist Church of Waterford. Next month the Church will be celebrating its tricentennial—300 years in Connecticut and a rich history that predates our nation.

In 1710, the First Baptist Church of Waterford was founded by members who withdrew from the First Baptist Church of Groton to create a new church on the western side of the Thames River. They built a meeting house on Pepperbox Hill, which they shared with another congregation. Some services in these early years were held at the homes of the church's members. The third and current sanctuary, the Jordan Meetinghouse, was built on Rope Ferry Road in 1848. Today, the First Baptist Church of Waterford is the second oldest Baptist church in the State of Connecticut.

It shares a spectacular history with the town—having even served as the seat of its government. It was once a recruiting station for the Civil War. More than anything else, however, the church's 300 hundred years are defined by its deep involvement and generous contributions to the community around it. Today, the church serves people in the Waterford area by providing assistance from food to medicine to heating oil.

The First Baptist Church of Waterford is an historic and treasured institution that has persevered, survived attacks by English forces during the Revolutionary War, given our nation statesman, soldiers and helped those in need.

Three hundred years is a truly remarkable achievement. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the First Baptist Church of Waterford on this milestone and wishing the church well for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING MEGAN JOHNSON AS THE WINNER OF THE 2010 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Megan Johnson of Federal Way, Washington for winning the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Every year, Prudential Financial, Inc. chooses two people from each State and the District of Columbia as winners of the Spirit of Community Award. Megan Johnson was chosen for her outstanding community service. As a state honoree, Megan will receive a \$1,000 cash award and a trip to Washington, DC. A senior at Highline CHOICE Academy in Burien, Megan was Washington State's top high school volunteer and one of ten national honorees. She initiated philanthropic programs for hospitalized children, the homeless, and substance-addicted babies. Her goal is to provide the underserved with the necessary resources to improve their situations.

At the age of 10, Megan Johnson established a non-profit organization named "Megan's Mission," making blankets for the homeless and soliciting donations to buy the homeless scarves, hats, and other warm clothing during the winter. In the following years, Megan joined ranks with community groups, schools, churches, and prisoners from Monroe Correctional Complex to make blankets for infants born of addicted mothers and collect DVDs for children's hospitals. Megan has aided four homeless families in finding a home; a remarkable feat for such a young woman. Currently, Megan raises money for Shriners Hospital for Children by writing and illustrating children's books, selling hot cider during Christmas, selling jewelry, and soliciting donations from corporations.

In addition to being invited to speak at the Prudential Spirit of Community Service Awards in South Korea, Megan has also been asked to be a National Patient Ambassador for Shriners Children Hospital.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Megan Johnson for her selfless commitment to others and her dedication to help her community.

CALLING ON TURKISH-OCCUPIED CYPRUS TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS ARTIFACTS

SPEECH OF

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I have serious concerns regarding H. Res. 1631 which was considered on the House Floor on Tuesday, September 28.

While the resolution proports to raise awareness regarding the smuggling of Cypriot religious and cultural artifacts, it only addresses cases related to Northern Cyprus and ignores the fact that it is a problem on both sides of the island, and should be addressed by both sides in addition to the international community.

H. Res. 1631 overlooks the destruction of over 100 mosques, shrines, mausoleums and other valuable Ottoman and other cultural treasures in the 103 towns and villages which the Turkish Cypriots were forced to abandon in the southern part of the island.

There is also no mention of the vast sums spent by Turkish Cypriots to restore 15 Orthodox Churches over the last three years—each of which has been completed.

In order to address this problem, Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders established a Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage in May 2008 in conjunction with talks to settle the Cyprus issue. This Committee was given an important mandate for the protection of the rich cultural heritage of the island. It aims at preserving secular and religious cultural heritage monuments, which is an integral part of the ongoing process of improving relations between Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots.

Had Greek Cypriots accepted the UN peace plan in the simultaneous referenda in April 2004, these issues would have been well on the way to being resolved, rather than discussed in third country legislatures.

Despite the rejection of the so called Annan Plan in 2004, direct negotiations between the two leaders on the island have continued in pursuit of a comprehensive solution to the conflict. As the party that has supported the UN peace plan along with the international community in 2004, the Turkish Cypriots continue to demonstrate their commitment to a comprehensive settlement based on the political equality of the two sides. Both sides need the support and encouragement of the United States and other members of the international community in order to bridge their differences and reach a mutually agreed upon settlement. The Congress should engage in activities that aim to bring the two sides together, not inflame passions. That is why I believe it was ill advised for the Congress to adopt this resolution.

HONORING SERGIO MASSA

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I rise to honor one of South Florida's finest community leaders, Sergio Massa.

Sergio was born in the historic Port of Callao, Peru and completed his studies at the Colegio Militar Leoncio Prado. At an early age, his family instilled in him the value and importance of service and activism, and it is one that he has carried with him throughout his life. He came to the United States when he was 18 years old and first lived in San Francisco. He later moved to New York and in 1979 received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Accounting from the

New York Institute of Technology. Sergio then began his community involvement as a board member of Club Peru New York, the oldest Peruvian organization in the United States. He later moved to Miami, became the president of Club Peru Miami, and established his own company, Business Authority Corporation, which provides accounting services and development for small and midsize businesses.

In 1994, Sergio established the Peruvian American Coalition (PAC), which has brought together Peruvians from across the country and serves as a venue for its members to engage in politics and the legislative process, while promoting issues important to the Peruvian American community. Today, PAC has chapters in Los Angeles, Washington, DC, West Palm Beach, Atlanta, Utah, Idaho and New York City.

For years, Sergio has also been involved in an issue critical to our nation and that is immigration reform. Through the establishment of the Latin American Foundation, he has helped and guided countless immigrants as they transition and settle in the United States, enter the workforce and tackle language and cultural barriers. Sergio continues to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform, coordinating with other community groups and elected officials at all levels of government and working for the passage of that legislation.

Aside from the PAC and the Latin American Foundation, Sergio is the founder of the Peruvian American Political Organization USA (PAPO USA), the Peruvian American Coalition Foundation, the Tumi USA Award, the Latin American Voters League, Inc., the Convention of Peruvian Institutions in the USA, and APEUC—the Association of Peruvian Institutions in the USA and Canada.

Throughout his impressive career as a successful businessman and a selfless leader in our community, he has counted on the unconditional support of his wife Flor and his children, who have understood the value and importance of his service and have joined him in putting the needs of their community first. Sergio has earned the respect and admiration of many in our community and has been honored and recognized by local governments and organizations. Today I join all of them in thanking my good friend Sergio Massa for his undying commitment to seeing the success of the Peruvian American community and all Hispanics in South Florida and across the United States. He values the principles of democracy and works each day to ensure that they are preserved for all to enjoy.

LOIS MAILLOU JONES—HONORING
AN INNOVATIVE TRAILBLAZER
FROM THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize the late Lois Mailou Jones, a renowned American artist and educator who died in 1993 at the age of 93. One of the longest living painters of the Harlem Renaissance, she influenced many emerging African-American artists during and since that historic period.

Her work will be on exhibit at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, in Washington, D.C., October 9, 2010 to January 9, 2011.

Lois Mailou Jones (1905–1998) explored multiple themes and styles, poetically portraying African-American struggles in her work which included paintings, drawings and textile designs. For over fifty years, she consistently experimented with new techniques and inspired others to innovate. This led to many collaborations with her Harlem Renaissance contemporaries, from drawing illustrations for Langston Hughes to working alongside Carter G. Woodson, her significance during this period has been acknowledged.

As a long-time professor at Howard University, she shaped generations of students and upcoming artists. She enhanced their learning experience with painting tours outside of the classroom, convinced the exposure would help them become better artists. This included travels as near as the local park to as far away as Paris and Africa.

Born in Boston, MA, but traveling frequently throughout her career, her artwork consistently captured what was relevant in her life. After marrying Haitian artist Louis Vergniaud Pierre-Noel in 1953, Jones traveled and lived in Haiti and in those pieces one can see the influence of the Haitian culture, with its African influences and more colorful creations.

Her race and gender contributed to a long and challenging path before receiving recognition for her work, but eventually the accolades came. President Jimmy Carter honored Jones for her outstanding achievements in the arts in 1980, and in the last ten years of her life both President Bill Clinton and French President Jacques Chirac met the artist and collected her work. Lois Mailou Jones continued to create her vibrant paintings until her death in 1998.

A unique synthesis of African, Haitian, Parisian, and American iconography, Jones' work remains a remarkable contribution to the world of art. Her paintings grace the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, National Museum of American Art, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, National Portrait Gallery, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the National Palace in Haiti, the National Museum of Afro-American Artists and private collections around the world.

At this time, I would like to also honor the current Trustees of the Lois Mailou Jones Pierre Noel Trust: Robert W. Jones, Chris Chapman, MD, and Larry Frazier, Esq.

Madam Speaker, we recognize this distinguished artist and offer recognition of her contributions made to this genre.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: THE LATE
JASON EDWARD JUSTICE, JR.

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, George S. Patton, Jr. said "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived." For that reason, on September 29, 2010 we did not mourn Jason Edward Justice Jr's death; rather we celebrated his life.

Jason was born on March 20, 1955, in Galveston, Texas. He was inspired to study hard

and prepare himself for college. He attended La Marque Independent School District. He was a great athlete which enabled him to receive full college scholarship. He graduated in 1977 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

He parlayed this degree into a career of public service as Chief of Staff to Texas State Senator Royce West and me when I served in the Texas Senate. In addition, his more than three decades of state service included working for Ann Richards when she was the Texas Comptroller and with the Texas Employment Commission.

Jason was involved with many organizations such as the Coalition of Black Trade Unions, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee Union, the AFL-CIO and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. His integrity and excellent service earned him various awards.

Jason was devoted to his wife, Janis DeGrate Justice, and to his family. In addition to Janis, he is survived by his children, Jason Justice, III, Christopher Justice, Derek D. Smith and Barbie Smith.

Many of us in Texas knew and admired Jason Justice. I valued his friendship and advice, as did so many others, and we will greatly miss him. It is impossible to fully grasp the breadth and depth of a life of someone like Jason, who gave every project or responsibility his very best effort and who lived his life with boundless enthusiasm and compassion. He was a role model and mentor to so many, and he leaves a powerful legacy that will last for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in memory and in honor of this great American, dedicated public servant, and truly great man—Jason Justice. We will not mourn that he has left us behind; rather we will rejoice what he has left behind.

HONORING THE MASSAPEQUA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 100TH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, this weekend I had the privilege of joining in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Massapequa Fire Department. Founded on September 25, 1910, the Massapequa Fire Department has a long history of dedicated volunteerism and service to the Long Island community including Massapequa, Massapequa Park, and East Massapequa.

The Massapequa Fire Department provides around-the-clock fire protection and emergency medical services to approximately 19,000 homes located within its district, responding to an average of 2,400 alarms annually.

As Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I am proud to support our nation's firefighters in Congress. These brave men and women risk their lives day after day to protect our communities and save the lives of others. Through Federal programs such as the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the Staffing for Adequate

Fire and Emergency Response Program, we can do our part in ensuring that these heroes get the equipment, vehicles, training, staffing and other resources they need.

I hope that this milestone in the Massapequa Fire Department's history reminds us of not only the traditional role that firefighters have always played in protecting our communities, but also how their role has changed since September 11, 2001, because now they are also faced with an increasingly complex and dangerous job of preparing for and responding to acts of terrorism. We must do all that we can to support them in their mission.

I want to thank Massapequa Fire Chief Peter Anglim for his leadership and service, and all of the firefighters, both active and retired, who have proudly served the Massapequa community. Congratulations on 100 years of dedicated service.

VETERANS BENEFITS AND ECO- NOMIC WELFARE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN J. HALL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. HALL of New York. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to speak this morning. I rise in support of several pieces of legislation before us this week that aim to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans.

As Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, it was my honor and privilege to help move some of these bills forward. I also thank the sponsors of these bills for their commitment to our veterans.

These bills make substantial improvements to the VA's job training programs, making veterans more attractive to small businesses to hire and train, and to ensure that veterans suffering from PTSD and other mental conditions are able to appeal their claims decisions if they miss an arbitrary deadline, set by a bureaucrat.

I strongly support the provision in H.R. 6132 which will allow veterans receiving a pension from the VA to keep receiving their pension in the event they are awarded a settlement for loss or injury. This will correct an extremely unfair part of current law that includes these payments as income when determining a veteran's eligibility for a means-based pension.

I am also glad that the House is addressing the issue of Retained Asset Accounts. We have heard a great deal about these accounts for recipients of Service Group Life Insurance Policies. H.R. 5993 will ensure that the families of veterans understand their rights and are fully informed of their options when their loved one passes.

Thank you again Mr. Speaker, and thank you to Chairman FILNER for his assistance in bringing these bills forward. I encourage all of my colleagues to vote in favor of these important bills.

ARTHRITIS PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND CURE ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my legislation, H.R. 1210, the Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act. I have fought long and hard for this bill alongside the Arthritis Foundation, the American College of Rheumatology, and the thousands of advocates across the country who understand how important this is. The legislation enjoys the bipartisan support of 181 Members of the House, and passed out of the Energy and Commerce Committee unanimously.

One out of every five adults suffers from arthritis, making it the most common cause of disability in the United States. More than 300,000 children suffer from juvenile arthritis. Early diagnosis for this disease is critical to ensure children get access to the right doctor and the care they need.

My bill will authorize the "National Arthritis Action Plan," giving legislative direction and leadership to a program which has proven successful since 1998. The Plan distributes important grants to states and nonprofits to carry out arthritis outreach and education activities. The bill expands the Secretary of Health and Human Services' authority to increase juvenile arthritis research at NIH, and authorizes important institutional training grants to increase the number of pediatric rheumatologists in the U.S.

I'm proud of the work I've done to raise awareness about the devastating effects of arthritis but I'm far prouder of the tireless work of the arthritis advocates who have walked these halls, called their Representatives, and shared their stories. Their grassroots efforts are at the heart of this bill and I'm so pleased we could work on this together.

Passage of the Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act is also a tribute to my friend, Senator Edward Kennedy, as we introduced this legislation together in the 110th Congress. His commitment to public health, improving care for children, and ending suffering are the principles which guided everything he did and I know he's looking down on us today and smiling.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE SEP- TEMBER 29, 2009 TSUNAMI THAT STRUCK AMERICAN SAMOA, SAMOA AND TONGA

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember those who lost their lives last year on September 29 when American Samoa was hit by the most powerful earthquake of 2009 which struck below the ocean about 140 miles southwest of Pago Pago, American Samoa, and 125 miles south of Samoa.

The earthquake, which registered 8.3 on the Richter scale, set off a massive tsunami that

crashed into American Samoa, Samoa and Tonga, sweeping cars and people out to sea as survivors fled to high ground. In American Samoa, many children running for home unknowingly ran in the direction of the tsunami.

Entire villages in American Samoa and the neighboring islands of Samoa and Tonga were devastated by the disaster. In response, the United States answered with a generous and heartfelt outpouring of aid.

As we pause to remember the lives lost and the families impacted, I want to once more publicly thank President Obama for his leadership during this tragedy. The Obama Administration continues to stand with us and, on behalf of all Samoans, I thank the Administration for its swift response.

I also want to thank U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for her unwavering support. At my request and the request of Congresswoman Laura Richardson, Secretary Clinton authorized the immediate airlift of 92,000 pounds of emergency supplies collected by Samoan and non-Samoan communities in the Los Angeles, California area as well as by our Samoan and Tongan communities in Salt Lake City and St. George, Utah under the direction of Reverend Elder Liki Tiatia, Reverend Dr. John Mailo, Reverend Dr. Mispouena Tagaloa, High Chief Loa Pele Faletogo, and HC Papali'i Misiona Patane.

In American Samoa, a team of more than 300 responders from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the American Red Cross, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other Federal agencies coordinated relief and recovery operations.

The United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard, the Hawaii Air National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve American Samoa provided critical transport of the life-saving and life-sustaining supplies and equipment to meet the immediate needs of the survivors, including more than 26,000 meals, 14,000 liters of water, 1,800 blankets, 800 tents, more than 800 cots, and 9 pallets of medical supplies and medical equipment in support of American Samoa's mass care operations.

The U.S. Department of Labor released over \$24 million in National Emergency Grant (NEG) funds to assist clean-up and recovery efforts in American Samoa, although an average disaster NEG is only about \$5 million.

FEMA has projected, or set aside, over \$155 million for recovery efforts. So far, about \$65 million has been obligated and about \$45 million has been disbursed pending action from the applicant to define scopes of work or provide information necessary to clear environmental compliance.

Of this \$155 million set-aside, FEMA has projected that about \$77 million will be used for infrastructure. Of this \$77 million, \$15 million has been obligated, but only \$7 million has been disbursed. According to FEMA, the program is based on reimbursement so FEMA cannot disburse until the American Samoa Government (ASG) requests a manual draw-down based on receipts submitted.

Regarding housing, FEMA initiated a pilot program and planned two phases of construction. Phase 1 required the construction of 8 homes and 10 additional site preparations. All of this work is completed and the 8 homes are occupied. Costs for Phase 1 are still being finalized.

A contract award for Phase 2 is expected to occur in early October with ground-breaking

expected to take place in mid-to-late October. A local business is expected to be issued the contract award for Phase 2. 33 homes are expected to be constructed in Phase 2. Overall, the entire pilot program currently stands at 41 homes.

The U.S. Congress also set aside an additional \$1.2 million to provide direct assistance to ASG for the disaster through the U.S. Department of the Interior.

In addition to more than \$200 million federal dollars described above, Samoan students at the Wentworth Military Academy collected \$32,000. They donated \$15,000 in cash to the American Samoa Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ASVOAD) and the remaining amount was given to their families in American Samoa, and also used to provide airfare for the students to visit their families during the time of the disaster. I am so proud of these students who showed true leadership and courage in the face of adversity.

Some of my dearest friends and acquaintances also came to our aid. Without being asked, they contacted my office immediately after the tragedy wanting to make donations and help in whatever way they could.

For historical purposes, I am listing their names below because no act of kindness should ever pass by without sincere acknowledgment to the persons, governments and organizations who gave so generously. They are:

Chairman Li Ka Shing (Li Ka Shing Foundation) (Presented to PM Tuilaepa on behalf of the people of American Samoa)—\$100,000.

Chairman Li Ka Shing (Li Ka Shing Foundation) (Presented to Am. Samoa Disaster Relief and Recovery Program)—\$150,000.

Chairman Seung-Youn Kim (Hanwha Group) (presented to American Samoa Red Cross: \$62,985 for caskets of deceased in Am. Samoa; \$37,015 remainder to Am. Samoa Red Cross)—\$100,000.

President Nursultan Nazarbayev, Republic of Kazakhstan (Presented to Am. Samoa Disaster Relief and Recovery)—\$50,000.

Government of Thailand (Presented to Am. Samoa Disaster Relief and Recovery Program)—\$15,000.

Government of Taiwan (Presented to Am. Samoa Red Cross)—\$10,000.

Mr. Raymond Calamaro, Esq. (D.C. Attorney) (Presented to Am. Samoa Red Cross)—\$1,000.

Mr. Steven Kirchof (Florida Businessman) (Presented to Am. Samoa Red Cross)—\$1,000.

Also, I again want to make special mention of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton who really fought to make an airlift possible.

DC10 Charter flight (authorized by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for shipment of 92,000 pounds of aid to Apia, Samoa)—\$300,000.

Total—\$727,000.

While American Samoa is now on the road to recovery, there is still much work to be done. But with the faith and support and prayers of our people and with the additional funds ASG is receiving from the federal government as a result of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), we have every opportunity to forge ahead and become stronger than before, and I thank my colleagues for standing with American Samoa.

DEMANDING JUSTICE FOR RUSSIAN WHISTLEBLOWER SERGEI MAGNITSKY AND REFORM OF RUSSIAN PRISON SYSTEM

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the "Justice for Sergei Magnitsky Act of 2010" in the House. This bill is the result of a recent hearing I chaired as Co-Chairman of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission on the human rights situation in the Russian Federation. During this important hearing, the Commission heard extraordinary testimony regarding an extraordinary senior Russian lawyer and tax advisor, Sergei Leonidovich Magnitsky, who vigorously represented his client, the Hermitage Capital Ltd/HSBC, before the relevant Russian authorities regarding the fraudulent take-over of Hermitage subsidiaries and an elaborate tax fraud scheme which was designed to defraud the Russian Treasury of an estimated of 5.4 billion rubles (USD \$230 million).

Mr. Magnitsky testified before the Investigative Committee of the Russian Prosecutor Office on June 5, 2008 and October 7, 2008, and specifically implicated Lt. Colonel Artem Kuznetsov and Major Pavel Karpov of the Interior Ministry in the fraud scheme, among other officials. In a Kafkaesque turn of events, instead of investigating those officials, the Ministry of Interior charged Mr. Magnitsky with tax fraud and arrested him on November 24, 2008 and placed him in Moscow's pre-trial detention facility of the Moscow Branch of the Interior Ministry on the orders of Major Oleg Silchenko. Despite the fact that Lt. Colonel Kuznetsov's was implicated in the fraud scheme, he served as a senior member of the investigation team responsible for Mr. Magnitsky during the nearly one year pre-trial detention.

While Mr. Magnitsky was in good health before he was arrested, only five months into his detention, his health deteriorated significantly. On July 1, 2009, Mr. Magnitsky was given an ultrasound to identify the cause of his medical symptoms and a surgeon diagnosed him with "calculous cholecystitis" and ordered another ultrasound, which was to be followed by surgery within a month. One week before his scheduled treatment, on July 25, 2009, and fully aware of Mr. Magnitsky's medical condition, Ivan Pavlovich Prokopenko, head of the pre-trial detention facility Matrosskaya Tishina, approved the transfer of Mr. Magnitsky to Butyrka Prison (Detention Center 77/2). Detention Center 77/2 did not have the appropriate medical facilities to allow Mr. Magnitsky the prescribed medical treatment and necessary surgery. Despite his medical condition, Mr. Magnitsky was not examined by a doctor upon his arrival at the Detention Center 77/2. He was subsequently transferred to eight different cells, with each transfer a marked health deterioration as a result. Undeterred, Mr. Magnitsky testified again on October 13, 2009 concerning the complicity of Interior Ministry officials in the theft of 5.4 billion rubles from the Treasury and accused them of investigating him in retaliation for his testimonies. On November 11, 2009, Mr. Magnitsky filed a petition with the interior Ministry and the court

stating his determination to bring to trial officials who falsified the case against him. On November 13, 2009, he wrote petitions in which he stated that he had been transferred again to a new cell during the night, and that he was intentionally deprived of sleep and hot food. As a result he developed acute pain and vomiting and insisted on seeing a doctor and an ultrasound examination that was prescribed to him in July 2009. This examination was never carried out. After having been denied medical treatment for four months, Mr. Magnitsky's condition became critical and he died on November 16, 2009.

Madam Speaker, this injustice cannot stand. And while no words will comfort the painful loss of the Magnitsky family—Sergei is survived by his wife and two children—his case at least got international exposure because of the wherewithal and connections of his employer, Hermitage Capital Management of London. In that aspect, Sergei's case is similar to that of Mikhail Khodorkovsky and the Yukos case. But how many unknown Sergei Magnitskys and Mikhail Khodorkovskys languish unjustly in Russian prisons because of corruption? How many voices critical of the Russian government have been silenced this way?

Madam Speaker, the Russian Federation remains a crucial world power of critical importance to the United States in vital policy areas, including, but not limited to, nuclear proliferation issues such as in Iran and North Korea, disarmament agreements, global warming, the war on terror, and the international economic crisis. I therefore applaud our Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for working hard to strengthen and deepen our ties with Russia and the Russian people, which reflect the important role Russia continues to play today.

I believe that my bill directly contributes to those deepening ties by establishing human rights accountability. Under my bill, the individuals who have—in the determination of our Secretary of State—directly contributed to the death of Sergei Magnitsky will be put on a visa ban list until they have been thoroughly investigated. It further requires the Russian government to undertake significant reform steps to bring the Russian prison system into compliance with international standards. We must ensure that these perpetrators do not get rewarded with shopping trips on New York's Fifth Avenue or elsewhere in the U.S.—that is the least we can do for Sergei. Furthermore, my bill will ensure that no U.S. bank accounts can be used to transfer the ill-gotten spoils of this fraud, and any such assets are frozen, so they can be returned to their rightful owner, the Russian people.

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010 (H.R. 5297). This legislation will extend much needed credit and reduce taxes for small businesses all across the country.

Small businesses are the engine of job creation in our economy and are playing a crucial role in helping America recover from the worst recession in 75 years. Still, small main street businesses are struggling to expand due to a lack of credit. The Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010 (H.R. 5297) helps small businesses expand by creating a new \$30 billion fund for small and medium-sized community banks. This fund is expected to leverage up to \$300 billion in small business lending.

The economic impact of this legislation would be significant. It will create up to 500,000 jobs and provide loan guarantees to approximately 8,000 community banks. H.R. 5297 provides \$12 billion in tax breaks for small businesses, including write-offs on capital investments and credits for new hires. More importantly, his bill will not add a dime to the deficit because it is fully paid for by closing tax loopholes.

Congressional Republicans repeatedly say they support small businesses while at the same time deliberately delaying and obstructing this legislation, which cuts taxes and expands access to credit for small businesses. When our economy is recovering and small businesses need access to credit, new American jobs should not fall victim to the gridlock caused by Republicans in Congress.

There is no question in my mind that we will get America's economy back. Until credit is flowing and houses are selling, until customers are confident and job creation is back on track, I will continue to take actions that place our country on a sustained path of broad-based economic growth.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for the Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010.

HONORING UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE CAPTAIN STEVEN M. CARLEY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Navy Reserve Captain Steven M. Carley, who retired after 39 years of service in August 2010. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Captain Carley for his commitment to our Nation.

Captain Carley enlisted in the Navy Reserve in 1968 and began his career at Sand Point Naval Air Station in Seattle, WA. After 13 years of enlisted service working in intelligence, Captain Carley was commissioned in November 1984 and became an Intelligence Officer in the Navy Reserve. Over the course of his career, he was assigned to multiple units where he served in a range of roles from Intelligence Analyst to Executive Officer. Additionally, Captain Carley participated in five major joint exercises in Korea as well as annual overseas training in Germany and Japan.

Captain Carley's achievements are remarkable and plenty. His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Captain Carley currently resides in Olympia, WA where he serves his community through various community service projects and his

position with the Washington State Department of Ecology, where he manages the water pollution control grant program.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Captain Steven M. Carley on his many remarkable achievements, his venerable service to his country, and his retirement after 39 years with the United States Navy Reserve.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 847, JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Motion to Recommit H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.

I believe that our current medical malpractice system is in need of reform. Rising medical liability premiums are threatening trauma centers, emergency rooms and obstetrician-gynecological practices and the patients they serve, causing some to shut their doors because they cannot afford the cost or risk of treating patients. To help address this issue, I have repeatedly voted for legislation that would reform our medical malpractice system by, among other things, placing a cap of \$250,000 on noneconomic and punitive damages as well as limiting lawyers' contingent fees.

While the flawed Motion to Recommit H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act includes important provisions to help avoid frivolous medical malpractice lawsuits, it would also eliminate important delivery system reforms recently enacted in the health care reform law. This includes eliminating the Independent Payment Advisory Board which is charged with developing recommendations about innovative ways to better control costs both in public and private health programs while also ensuring that care is improved. In addition, I believe that comparative effectiveness research holds the potential to improve quality by helping doctors and patients determine the most effective treatment approaches. Repealing this important program would be an unacceptable step backwards. Furthermore, I have deep concerns with reducing funding aimed at improving public health.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to oppose the flawed Motion to Recommit H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2378, CURRENCY REFORM FOR FAIR TRADE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2378, the Currency Reform for

Fair Trade Act. I am a proud cosponsor of this bill, and am pleased that this measure has been brought up for a vote.

American manufacturers are facing numerous challenges during this recession, but China's manipulation of its currency is undoubtedly the most insidious. These unfair practices put U.S. firms at a distinct disadvantage in their efforts to remain competitive and to export goods to a growing global market. By fixing the value of the renminbi to the American dollar, China effectively undervalues its currency by at least 25 percent and affords its manufacturers an unfair advantage, making their exports artificially cheap. As a result of this manipulation, American-made products are unable to compete in the marketplace and American manufacturers and other exporters are forced to lay off workers.

H.R. 2378 will begin to address this market exploitation by allowing the United States to assess countervailing and anti-dumping duties on products exported from any nation that benefits from the export subsidy of manipulated currency. It has been estimated that by implementing these duties as many as 500,000 U.S. manufacturing jobs will be created. And by making American manufacturers more competitive, we can begin to overcome the estimated 1.4 percent annual GDP reduction caused by China's currency manipulation.

While both Presidents Bush and Obama have sought to address China's currency manipulation diplomatically through both bilateral and multilateral channels, China has provided only empty pledges to allow its currency to float freely with the market—pledges that have never truly been realized. When one looks at the value of the Chinese renminbi against the U.S. dollar, it is remarkable how unnaturally flat the rate has remained for the last 2 years. Though the renminbi has appreciated by a tiny amount in recent months, this is an obvious attempt by the Chinese to leave the impression that it is acting responsibly with respect to its currency, when in fact we all know that is not the case. This legislation is crucial to overcoming China's failed promises to operate in the global economy under fair rules and standards.

This is not some esoteric exercise. China's currency manipulation has a direct effect on a wide range of U.S. manufacturers, from steel to paper, machinery to textiles. It has driven firms out of business and cost us millions of jobs, especially in the Midwest. It serves to decrease exports and widen our trade deficit with China at a time when we need to be expanding our exports and growing our economy. As my constituent Zach Mottl, of Atlas Tool and Die and the Tool and Manufacturing Association, said, "a few percentage point difference [in currency value] can make that difference in terms of whether a company buys here or buys overseas."

It is the government's duty to defend the American people. American workers and families have been under assault for years from China's unfair currency policy which steals American jobs. While we've been playing by the rules, China has enriched itself by deliberately ignoring them. Our policy has been all carrot and no stick, with unfortunate but predictable consequences. We cannot continue to allow American businesses and workers to be put out of work by China's currency manipulation. I am pleased to support this much needed, bipartisan legislation, and I urge the Sen-

ate to quickly act on this important measure in order to bring fairness and balance to international trade.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2378, CURRENCY REFORM FOR FAIR TRADE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, the imbalances in international trade, and in particular trade between China and the United States, have prompted many to demand a realignment of the Chinese yuan and the American dollar. Since we are running a huge trade deficit with China the call now is for a stronger yuan and a weaker dollar. This trade imbalance problem will not be solved so easily.

I would urge my colleagues to consider the benefits we receive from our relationship with China, one of which is that American consumers benefit from lower-priced goods. Adopting the policy urged by supporters of this bill would cause consumer prices to increase, thus reducing consumers' wealth. Other producers would suffer as a result of the consumers' decreased purchasing power. I doubt that many of our constituents want us to increase the prices they pay for goods and services.

Congress should also consider how the Chinese benefit the United States government by holding our debt. The dollars the Chinese acquire by selling us goods and services must be returned to the United States. Since the Chinese are not buying an equivalent amount of American goods and services, they are using the dollars to finance Congress' extravagant spending.

This deep and legitimate concern for the trade imbalance between China and the U.S. will fall short if the issue of fluctuating, worldwide fiat currencies is not addressed. The fact that the U.S. dollar is the principal reserve currency of the world gives us a benefit that others do not enjoy. It allows us to export paper dollars and import goods manufactured in countries with cheap labor. It also allows us to finance the welfare/warfare state with cheap loans from China and Japan. It's a good deal for the government but according to economic law must come to an end, and the end will be messy for the U.S. consumer and for world trade.

Our current account deficit and huge foreign indebtedness is a reflection of the world monetary system of fiat money. The longer the trade imbalances last, the more difficult the adjustment will be. The market will eventually force these adjustments on us.

Instead of having fluctuating currency exchange rates and the inevitable instability that accompanies them, we should be working to establish a commodity-backed currency whose value is determined by the market. This would provide an objective measurement of the value of economic goods and services and thus strengthen the economy by freeing it from the negative effects of our unstable monetary policy.

Instead of promoting global economic government, the United States Congress should

reform those policies that reduce our manufacturers' competitiveness. The taxes and regulations imposed on American businesses are damaging economic growth and killing jobs. If we were serious about creating jobs, we would be working on an aggressive agenda of cutting taxes and repealing needless regulations.

Congress can also improve America's competitive position by ending the practice of forcing American workers to subsidize their foreign competitors through organizations such as the Export-Import Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I remind my colleagues that stability in currencies is something we should seek, not something we should condemn. The bill before us today will not solve our problems. In fact, by refusing to address the economic stability created by fiat currency and instead embracing protectionism, it will further weaken the American economy.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2378, CURRENCY REFORM FOR FAIR TRADE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I believe in free and fair trade among free peoples conducted under a rule of law. Our nation boasts the most open markets in the world. But not all the world's markets are open house; consequently, since 1975 our nation has amassed an enormous trade deficit that will top 1/2 billion dollars this year.

This trade gap has resulted in:

35 years of outsourced jobs by the millions to penny wage environments.

35 years of imports dwarfing our exports.

35 years of buying from countries who will not buy as much from us.

35 years of trying to penetrate the markets of countries who contort the trade and currency rules in their favor, not ours.

As our nation climbs out of its deepest recession since the 1930s, we must rebalance our trade policies and take action to dig us out of this deep hole.

Take the case of China. The massive hemorrhage of U.S. jobs and wealth to China is staggering—in 1990 America's trade deficit with China was \$10.4 billion, and by 2000 it was up to \$83.8 billion. As of July of this year we are already \$145.4 billion in the red to Communist China. These deficits mean lost jobs in America, a shrinking middle class as production and wealth get shifted offshore.

The evidence is all around us: Americans working harder each year, plants closing down despite increasing worker productivity. Now people's health and retirement benefits are cut, or they face unemployment, as their jobs are outsourced or destroyed.

This is not a recipe for a healthy economy nor a strong nation.

How did this happen?

The Chinese are gaining a mercantilist advantage in their economic practices, which some experts call "market Leninism." They manipulate trade through several devices, the most potent of which is currency manipulation.

We must take the necessary steps to create a level playing field for American workers and companies by holding China accountable for unfair devaluation by 40 percent or more of its currency.

By making the Yuan cheaper than it should be, their goods are 40 percent cheaper here and in global markets than American-made products, simply because of that government's actions.

China manipulates its currency by making massive purchases of dollars, Euros, and Yen in the global exchange markets, intervening with tens of billions of purchases of other currencies weekly.

The result: the U.S. GDP drops by 1.4 percentage points annually just because of China's currency manipulation.

Jobs are lost, factories closed, and America's competitiveness weakens.

The U.S. has the following four options:

1. Negotiate with the Chinese to end their currency manipulation. The U.S. has been in such negotiations for 6 years. The talks have failed. That is why the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act is so important.

2. Intervene in the global currency market by selling massive amounts of dollars. Intervention would result in massive inflation and if the Chinese countered, it would not work.

3. Seek WTO approval of global sanctions. This would take 3–5 years and there is no certainty that Europe or Japan would be supportive.

4. Impose an Adjustable Currency Tariff (ACT). An ACT would be set at exactly the amount that the Yuan is undervalued. Under this proposal, the amount of the undervaluation would be set by some neutral international financial organization such as the IMF. The value of the ACT would be adjusted quarterly. As China changed the value of the Yuan, the value of the ACT tariff would be altered correspondingly. When China ended their manipulation, the ACT would be zero. This is not old-fashioned protectionism, but rather a remedy against such protectionism directed towards American-based production and jobs. The crisis is huge and we must act now.

These corrections, including passage of H.R. 2378, if taken immediately, could create an estimated 500,000 manufacturing jobs here in the United States, helping to put Americans back to work and strengthening our economy.

The Chinese government's currency policy is an impediment to this great Republic of ours. It kills American jobs and weakens our nation in the global markets. It is time that we take action to fix this broken policy and stand up for our nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes for this bill.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF TAFT

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the city of Taft, California, which is celebrating its 100th

year of incorporation on Thursday, October 14, 2010.

The city of Taft is located in the southwestern part of the San Joaquin Valley, and has quite a unique history. Named after our 27th President, William Howard Taft, starting in the late 1800s oil was discovered in the western San Joaquin Valley and overnight an oil town was born. The oil that was discovered was in the now-famous Midway-Sunset region and Buena Vista Hills, and by 1910 Taft had officially become a fixture within Kern County. Standard Oil was one of Taft's primary employers and helped lay Taft's foundations by building numerous construction businesses, a machine shop, numerous supply shops, bunkhouses for workers, and dozens of company homes for employees. As one of the only towns remaining in the United States which exists solely because of nearby oil reserves, Taft has a rich historical connection to our County and the history of our Nation's domestic natural energy production.

The operational activities within the oil fields surrounding Taft have been the economic lifeblood of the city for over 100 years. From the remnants of old wooden oil derricks, to the historic Taft Fort, Taft has become a hallmark of the prosperity and endurance that has distinguished our County's industries and progress. State Highway 33 is now called the Petroleum Highway because of legislation that I initiated when I was a State Assemblyman representing the 32nd district of California to recognize the national resource that has put Taft on the map. In celebration of its oil heritage, Taft holds an event every 5 years called "Oildorado." This year will be the first Oildorado celebration that will consist of 2 weekends and will include many traditions and activities such as the grand parade, Maids of Petroleum Oildorado Queen Pageant, barbecues, dances, a World War II aircraft exhibit, arts and crafts fair, and oilfield skills contests. Also included in this year's Oildorado celebration will be the unveiling and dedication of the Oil Worker Monument, built to honor all the men and women who have worked in the oilfields over the years.

Taft has truly developed into a wonderful city of progress and yet through the years has still maintained a familiar, rural atmosphere making Taft a unique and enjoyable community to visit. The city of Taft is a vital component of California's 22nd District, and will continue to remain a place of economic importance and growth for the State of California. I recognize Taft and the members of its community in celebration of the city's 100th year of incorporation.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PENSACOLA GULF COAST REGIONAL AIRPORT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the Pensacola Gulf Coast Regional Airport and its service to northwest Florida and visitors worldwide.

Established during the Great Depression, the grounds for the new municipal airport for Pensacola, Florida, were purchased for the sum of \$50,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Taylor on November 1, 1935. Shortly after, the Works Project Administration authorized several hundred men to clear and grade the heavily-forested property, laying out the strong foundation, which 75 years later supports today's modern airport.

The Works Project Administration approved the construction of three paved runways and the airport's first administration building. In 1937, a Stinson Trimotor airplane of Atlantic and Gulf Coast Airlines landed the first scheduled commercial airline passenger service. During the following year, the runways welcomed the first air mail service upon arrival of a Lockheed Electra from National Airlines.

Throughout World War II, the airport played a supporting role and was leased to the United States Navy. During this time, the military invested more than \$1 million into airport improvements, including paving the way for a fourth runway. The Pensacola Municipal Airport was returned to the city's control in 1945 and transitioned to commercial operations in the 1950s. In 1952, a new administration building at Pensacola Municipal Airport was built and named Hagler Field, honoring Pensacola's beloved mayor, the late Conner L. Hagler.

During the next decade, the Pensacola airport embraced the commercial jet age supporting the landing of an Eastern Air Lines Boeing 727 in 1965, which called for lengthening the airport's runways. As its services continued to grow, the airport was renamed Pensacola Regional Airport in 1972, and in 1978, the increased commercial air traffic led to making arrangements for the airport's first regional airlines. To accommodate the expansion of their operations, the airport further enhanced its physical structure. In the 1990s, a two-story air terminal was built that included the airport's first enclosed jetways, and entering into the new millennium, plans were launched for a multi-million dollar modernization.

In 2008, the Pensacola Regional Airport was renamed the Pensacola Gulf Coast Regional Airport. While over the course of its history, the airport has undergone several name and structural changes, one thing has remained constant—the professionalism and hospitality of all those who have dedicated their time and hard work to maintain the airport's daily operations and who make it all possible.

Madam Speaker, over the last 75 years, the airport has grown and transitioned into one of the largest commercial airports in the Gulf Coast. Whether dropping by for a visit or calling Pensacola or its surrounding areas home, the Pensacola Gulf Coast Regional Airport and its staff provides all those who pass through it a warm welcome to the Emerald Coast. On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of passengers it serves annually and the communities of northwest Florida, my wife Vicki and I would like to congratulate the Pensacola Gulf Coast Regional Airport on their 75th Anniversary and wish its employees all the best for continued success.

HONORING DR. SUSAN REES, RECIPIENT OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 2010 CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is a real pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding achievements of Dr. Susan Ivester Rees, who was recently recognized for her efforts to protect our Gulf Coast from the devastating impact of future hurricanes.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina—a storm which dealt an unprecedented amount of destruction and loss of life to the Gulf Coast—Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to undertake comprehensive planning to help strengthen the region's ability to withstand the assault of future natural disasters.

One of the studies authorized by Congress was the Mississippi Coastal Improvement Program (MsCIP), undertaken by the Army Corps of Engineers' Mobile District.

Dr. Susan Rees' leadership and active involvement in the project as Program Manager—working with coastal residents and marshalling the best ideas from across government agencies—was instrumental in shaping the final plan which won her praise from the Corps of Engineers, as well as other Federal, State and local leaders for its comprehensive nature.

Dr. Rees' extensive public involvement was pivotal in the formation—and approval—of 15 major construction projects, including the opening of canals to improve water flow, beach reconstruction, and rebuilding the Bay St. Louis seawall.

In recognition of her tremendous efforts and considerable leadership in the Mississippi Coastal Improvement Program, Dr. Rees was presented with the Lt. Gen. John W. Morris 2010 Civilian of the Year Award at the 2010 USACE Summer Leaders Conference in Seattle, Washington on August 2, 2010.

Dr. Rees is also a member of the scientific advisory board of the Alabama Center for Estuarine Studies at the University of South Alabama; a member of the executive committee of the Mobile Bay Estuary Program; and a member of the advisory council for the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium.

I wish to congratulate Dr. Rees—as well as her husband, Fred, who, himself, has dedicated many years in government service, for their exemplary efforts to protect and enhance the quality of life along America's Gulf Coast. Susan is to be commended for her dedication to preserving our environment and making our coastal communities safer.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in wishing Dr. Rees much success in her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EL PASO SERVICE CHALLENGE

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize those students in my district who

participated in the El Paso Service Challenge. The response was inspiring and impressive. Students performed various forms of community service ranging from painting their schools to volunteering at local police and firefighter stations. I initiated the El Paso Service Challenge this year as a way to encourage middle and high school students to give back to our community during the month of September in remembrance of 9/11. The idea for the El Paso Service Challenge arose from President Obama's call to service after the passage of the "Service America Act."

The Edward M. Kennedy "Serve America Act" is the most sweeping expansion of national service in a generation. Signed by President Obama on April 21, 2009, it established a nationwide "Call to Service Campaign" and designated September 11 as the National Day of Service and Remembrance. The swift bipartisan passage of the legislation reflected a national consensus that service is a powerful response to the economic and social challenges facing America today.

In addition to these students, I would also like to congratulate the members of the El Paso Senior Campaign Program at Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe for their volunteer work. La Fe has operated El Paso's Senior Campaign Program branch since 1988. More than 80 El Paso seniors are currently signed up to volunteer their time and energy to help seniors much like themselves by providing caring home visits and companionship. These seniors were honored last week for performing 73,000 hours of service in 2009, serving as a great example of a lifelong commitment to helping others.

According to the Corporation for National & Community Service, since the "Serve America Act" was passed in 2009, volunteering has increased, momentum is strong, and a new vision for service is taking effect. This is certainly true in my district as evident from both the students who participated in the El Paso Service Challenge and the seniors who participated in the Senior Campaign Program at Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe. Indeed across our nation, Americans have joined with friends and neighbors to replenish food banks, provide health services, support veterans and military families, restore public lands, and more.

At a time of great need, Americans are answering President Obama's call to serve.

Giving back to the community is an important lifelong lesson. I am very proud to recognize the volunteering efforts of all of my constituents, and I hope their work will inspire others to do the same.

IRA BRADFORD MILLER, SR.

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Ira Bradford "Brad" Miller, Sr. who passed away on September 4, 2010. He was an outstanding member of the Middle Tennessee community, a leader in the construction industry, and a great friend.

Mr. Miller was a lifelong resident of Rutherford County, where he attended Central High School and received a scholarship to play

football at Middle Tennessee State University. He answered his country's call to serve in the United States Navy during World War II and returned to MTSU to earn his degree after the war ended.

Brad Miller began working as a high school teacher and coach before pursuing his career in the construction industry. He started a water and sewer firm that eventually became Brad Miller Construction Company, Inc. After many successful years of business, Mr. Miller sold his construction company and became president of Tennessee Paving Company, an asphalt paving firm he founded with his brother-in-law.

Mr. Miller served as executive director of the Tennessee Crushed Stone Association until it merged with the Tennessee Asphalt Pavement Association to form The Tennessee Road Builders Association. Mr. Miller was a member and served on the board of directors for all three associations at the same time, and during the merger he acted as the liaison between the three firms. When the associations merged in 1982, he was chosen to be the executive vice president of The Road Builders Association, a position he held until his retirement. Brad transformed The Road Builders into one of the most powerful and respected associations in Tennessee. Later, he was elected chairman of the A-R-T-B-A Council of State Executives.

Brad Miller believed in the importance of having good representation in our Nation's Capitol. Over the course of his career he used his formidable lobbying skills to help influence important legislation. Mr. Miller's success in the construction industry was widely recognized. He received a certificate of special recognition from the National Stone Association, The Tennessee Road Builders Association Lifetime Achievement Award, and the A-R-T-B-A Award, the association's highest honor.

Mr. Miller was married to Betty June Carter Miller for fifty-nine years. The couple met in college and married in 1951. Brad Miller was the proud father of Ira Bradford Miller, Jr., Michael L. Miller, Cindy Miller Smith and Molly Miller Alspaugh. He enjoyed spending time with his children and seven grandchildren.

And so, Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Miller's life and accomplishments. We are grateful for the contributions he provided to his community and the people of Tennessee.

LANCE CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER
BLAKE RODGERS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, Lance Corporal Christopher Blake Rodgers answered his nation's call of duty by joining the Marines in 2008 after graduating from Spalding County High School; on September 1, 2010 he made the ultimate sacrifice while serving his country and fellow servicemen abroad. He was killed while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

Lovingly known as Blake to his family and friends, Lance Corporal Rodgers was a man ready to serve his country since the tender

age of eleven years old. Like many Americans, Blake watched in horror on September 11th as our nation faced one of the most tragic days in its history. It was on that day that he told his parents that he wanted to help those people who tragically lost their lives; that he wanted to serve his country, that that he wanted to become a Marine.

Blake always impressed his superiors in all of his endeavors. In high school he was a member of the JROTC program, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant. Under his leadership his company won the year's Best Marching Company award. His JROTC service in high school only furthered his resolve to join the Marines upon graduation.

After Marine boot camp and advanced infantry training Blake was assigned to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he was assigned as a rifleman and member of First Platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. His unit was away from North Carolina for the bulk of late 2009 and early 2010, on training missions and pre-deployment work-ups designed to prepare them for the war they would soon be fighting. He deployed to Afghanistan in March 2010 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His first and only combat tour ended September 1, 2010.

Two weeks ago Lance Corporal Rodgers came home to Georgia for the final time. There he was met in the small community of Griffin, Georgia with a procession of people who had come to welcome their local hero home. He was laid to rest on September 11th, a somberly fitting tribute to a man for whom the date had overwhelming significance.

Lance Corporal Rodgers was a true hero and I ask that you join me today in saluting one of America's bravest. I honor Lance Corporal Rodger's life and mourn deeply for his family's loss.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGIE O'CONNOR

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a community leader, Mrs. Georgie O'Connor, on her retirement after 49 years of service on the Lucia Mar Unified School District Board in Arroyo Grande, California.

Georgie O'Connor's family moved to Arroyo Grande in 1928 and she attended Orchard Avenue School. O'Connor and her husband Bill have been married for 67 years and have lived directly across the street from Orchard Avenue School, which is now Arroyo Grande High School, for the past 55 years, where they have raised four sons—Bill, Mike, Pat, and Casey—all of whom attended Arroyo Grande schools.

Mrs. O'Connor has the distinction of holding tenure as the longest continually-serving school board member in the State of California. Mrs. O'Connor was first elected to the Arroyo Grande Elementary School District in 1961. In 1965 the district joined other small districts in the southern portion of San Luis Obispo County in unification and became the Lucia Mar Unified School District. During her first 15 years of board service, she was the

only female on the board. During her tenure, O'Connor has seen the number of Lucia Mar Unified School District schools grow from 4 to 17; expand to serve grades K–12, and an overall student population grow to 10,500 students.

Dedicated to serving her community, Mrs. O'Connor's stewardship and selflessness to the students of Lucia Mar Unified School District will be sorely missed and difficult to replace, but her well-deserved retirement will give her the ability to spend more time with her family. I thank Mrs. O'Connor for her lifetime of board service and dedication to the children of Arroyo Grande and San Luis Obispo County. I wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION MONTH

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, recognizing National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Month, 2010 drug and alcohol abuse is a growing problem across America, and especially in Illinois. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, drug and alcohol abuse was found among 9.5 percent of our citizens ages 12 and older in 2008.

Established in 1989, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month is observed annually every September and recognizes the treatment and celebration of recovery for those struggling with addiction diseases. This year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Now More Than Ever!" calls us to unite and encourage drug and alcohol-free living. Treatment programs, family members and neighbors can all help assist those who experience addiction. It is with this precedent that facilities in my district, like Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center in Lemont, IL, are serving those who suffer from addiction, and are dedicating efforts in support of this proclamation.

By recognizing September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, we reaffirm the importance of education and awareness of addiction problems and the important role treatment centers across America play in addiction recovery.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Each year, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a special time to celebrate how far we have come on the path to eliminating breast cancer, reflect on all we have accomplished, and redouble our efforts for the future.

This year is special because it marks the 20th Anniversary of the National Breast and

Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, which provides breast health services to underserved women. This life-saving program has served more than 3.7 million women over the past two decades.

We have made so much progress in the past year for breast cancer treatment and awareness. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act enacts meaningful reforms for so many Americans, but it will prove especially beneficial for those facing cancer.

Through health care reform, we guaranteed that no longer will cancer patients face losing their health care at the moment treatment is needed most. No longer will those battling disease face the atrocious burden of lifetime or annual caps on their treatment. And, a provision that is not only life-changing but life-saving for all cancer survivors: no longer will anyone be denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition!

If our health care system does not work for cancer patients, it simply does not work at all; so I am so thrilled to have been able to support these vital reforms for previvors, survivors, and all American families.

Early detection of breast cancer is a key to surviving the disease. We must ensure all women have access to affordable breast health services, and we must maintain our investment in innovative research to develop better screening tools and treatments for breast cancer.

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer shortly after my 41st birthday, I was shocked to have to deal with the disease—especially as a relatively young woman.

So often, young women are not aware of their risks, but young women can and do get breast cancer.

That's why, as soon as I was cancer-free, I introduced H.R. 1740—the Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act, or the EARLY Act, to educate young women about their risks, empower them to know their bodies and speak up about their health, and work together to wipe out this deadly disease. And, with the passage of Health Reform we turned the EARLY Act from legislation into the law of the land!

Going forward, there is so much more work to be done. Every 69 seconds, somewhere in the world a woman dies of breast cancer—nearly half a million women this year alone, making it the leading cancer killer of women worldwide. Breast cancer will strike 1.3 million women this year alone and one in eight women will be diagnosed during her lifetime. This is simply not acceptable.

There are 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. today. I am one of those women—living proof of the power of education, early detection, and the incredible advances in treatment of the disease.

Today, we honor and recognize all those women who have won their fight against breast cancer, are still fighting the disease, those mothers, sisters, friends and wives we have lost, and those who work tirelessly every day to ensure that one day no one else will die from breast cancer.

I am so grateful to all of the wonderful and inspiring advocacy groups who have stood strong as my partners in the fight against this cancer.

During this special time we stand together in solidarity, wholly committed to increasing early diagnoses, saving more lives, and ultimately, finding a cure to wipe out this deadly disease.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF
EDWARD "EDDIE" JAGGERS

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true hero from my district, Chief Duncan Edward "Eddie" Jagers of Coats, North Carolina. Chief Jagers has shown outstanding courage, selflessness and bravery by risking his life to protect the citizens of Coats and get lawbreakers off the street.

Although Chief Jagers is a hero every day, one particular incident stands out. On November 17, 2009, Chief Jagers went to work at a routine license checkpoint on North Carolina Highway 27 in Coats that turned out to be anything but routine. While checking the licenses of other drivers, a vehicle sped past the officers and through the checkpoint, leading Chief Jagers on a high-speed car chase at speeds of up to 120 miles per hour. The suspect eventually stopped, grabbed an unknown object from his vehicle, and headed deep into the woods, leading Chief Jagers on a foot race to detain the suspect. Chief Jagers did not hesitate to follow the suspect, but a tussle ensued and Chief Jagers was knocked unconscious. Lieutenant Kelly Fields found Chief Jagers in the woods more than twenty minutes later, and he was immediately rushed to the hospital. The suspect was later apprehended by the Harnett County Sheriff's Office, none of which would have been possible without the tireless pursuit and valiant actions of Chief Eddie Jagers.

I had the honor of presenting Chief Jagers with the Law Enforcement Purple Heart award earlier this month for his actions on that fateful day. A combination of Chief Jager's exceptional courage and lifelong experience in law enforcement made it possible for him to react with lightning speed to protect the citizens of the Coats community.

Chief Jagers has been employed with North Carolina law enforcement for more than 20 years, including tenures at the North Carolina DMV, North Carolina Secretary of State, and currently as the Police Chief of the Town of Coats. He serves as an example for his fellow law enforcement officers and shows us all the meaning of true courage and bravery. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the heroism of Chief Edward "Eddie" Jagers. We in North Carolina are proud to call him our hometown hero.

ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE VIRGINIA STATE CON-
FERENCE NAACP

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Virginia State Conference NAACP (the Conference). During its state conference on October 29–31, the Conference will celebrate its 75th Anniversary, and I would like to highlight some moments from the history of the organization and its contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Conference is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in the hometown of one of its founders, the late Attorney Oliver W. Hill, near the site of the first planning meeting of the Virginia State Conference. The Virginia State Conference NAACP was formed in 1935 at a time when racial inequality was permitted under the law. This injustice is what caused eight individuals to get together to form the Virginia State Conference of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Those eight people were: Sadie Wyche, Suffolk; Atty. Oliver W. Hill, Richmond; Jesse M. Tinsley, Richmond; Jewel S. Carrington, Halifax; Zenobia Gilpin, Richmond; J. Byron Hopkins, Richmond; Dr. Leon Ransome, NAACP National Office, and Mrs. Spencer, Roanoke. The group held their first planned meeting in Roanoke in 1935.

Many presidents have faithfully served the Conference since the organization's inception: J. M. Tinsley, 1935–1954; E. B. Henderson, 1955–1956; Philip Y. Wyatt, 1957–1960; Robert D. Robertson, 1961–1962; L. Francis Griffin, 1963–1967; Charles Brown, 1968–1970; Melford Walker, 1971–1974; Isaac Ridley, 1975–1978; Roger Ford, 1979–1980; James Hicks, 1981–1982; James E. Ghee, 1983–1985; Charles Mangum, 1986–1988; Jack W. Gravely, 1988–1991; Ernest Miller from 1991–1995; Paul C. Gillis, 1995–1997; Emmitt Carlton, 1997–1999; Rovenia Vaughan, 1999–2003; Linda Thomas, 2003–2007. Currently, the organization is fortunate to have as its president Rev. Dr. Rayfield Vines, Jr., who has served since 2007.

In the Conference's early years, J. Byron Hopkins, Jr., Wendell Walker and J. Thomas Hewing, Jr. provided legal services for the organization. In later years, an organized legal staff included Oliver W. Hill, Martin A. Martin, Samuel W. Tucker, Edwin C. Brown, Sr., Spotswood W. Robinson III, Robert H. Cooley, Jr., Roland Ealey, Philip S. Walker, Rueben E. Lawson, W. Hale Thompson, Victor Ashe, J. Hugo Madison, James A. Overton, Jerry L. Williams, Otto L. Tucker, Ruth Harvey, Henry L. Marsh, III, John W. Scott, Jr., James E. Ghee, Dennis Montgomery, James Hume, Stephanie Valentine, S. Delacy Stith, Gwendolyn Jones Jackson and presently, Richard Patrick.

Over the years, the conference has taken up several initiatives to help better the lives of Black Americans. In conjunction with the Virginia Teachers Association, the Conference's first major policy campaign was the elimination of the difference between the salaries paid to the white and Negro public school teachers, a difference which was later determined to be unlawful in *Alston v. School Board of Norfolk*, 112 F.2d 992 (4th Cir. 1940).

Starting in 1947, the Conference took up the cause of eliminating segregation in public schools by requiring school boards to face the expense of equalizing schools for Negro children with schools for white children. Later, the Commonwealth of Virginia resolved to maintain racial segregation even after the United States Supreme Court struck down the premise of "separate but equal." The Conference was determined to help desegregate Virginia's public schools. The Conference filed suits against school boards in 37 counties and 15 cities or towns.

It also fought to reopen schools in Prince Edward County after they avoided desegregation by closing their public schools for 5 years,

starting in 1959. In May 1964, the Supreme Court ruled that the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment did not permit closing schools in Prince Edward County while public schools were being maintained in all other school districts in Virginia.

The Conference supported defendants in criminal cases where the case highlighted racially discriminatory practices in the justice system, such as racial discrimination in the jury selection process.

In 1981, after several organizations challenged the redrawing of the Virginia General Assembly districts, the Conference supported the lawsuit filed in the Federal Court in Richmond. The Conference helped negotiate the settlement which created one hundred single member districts.

Madam Speaker, the Virginia State Conference NAACP has been instrumental in the fight to eliminate of racial inequality and discrimination in Virginia. However, its work is not yet done. Racial disparities still exist in our education system, our criminal justice system, and elsewhere in our society. As long as these exist, I know that the Virginia State Conference NAACP will remain vigilant in its fight for civil rights, equality and liberty.

As the Virginia State Conference NAACP gathers to celebrate 75 years, the organization can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future with great expectations. I would like to congratulate Rev. Dr. J. Rayfield Vines, Jr., President of the organization, Executive Director King Salim Khalfani, and all of the members of the Virginia State Conference NAACP. I wish them many more years of dedicated service to the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

TRIBUTE TO THE MOBILE INFIRMARY MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the upcoming birthday of an important institution in my Congressional district that has provided a virtual lifeline for generations of Mobilians and others from throughout Southwest Alabama. On October 21, the Mobile Infirmary Medical Center will celebrate its 100th Birthday.

When the Mobile Infirmary first opened its doors in 1910, it served the public with 32 hospital beds and four operating rooms. Its facilities have evolved with time, relocating and growing to 258 beds in the early 1950s.

Today, the Mobile Infirmary Medical Center is the largest non-governmental, not-for-profit hospital in Alabama.

With more than 700 beds and 30 operating rooms, the Mobile Infirmary Medical Center is the region's health care leader, respected statewide for its specialty care and "patient-first" approach.

The Mobile Infirmary Medical Center enjoys an expert reputation for the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients with cardiovascular disease. The facility performs more than 4,000 procedures in its heart catheterization lab and more than 700 open heart surgeries a year, making it one of Alabama's busiest cardiac care hospitals.

The Mobile Infirmary Medical Center also offers the latest cancer therapies and treatments available and its research program provides treatment options not found anywhere else on the Gulf Coast.

In celebration of its 100th birthday, the facility plans several events next month, including a public viewing of its remodeled atrium and a reunion of everyone born at the Mobile Infirmary Medical Center.

One hundred years ago, the Mobile Infirmary was a vital part of our community—delivering babies, saving lives and comforting the suffering. Today, it continues to fulfill that important role for Mobile and all of Southwest Alabama and, indeed, the central Gulf Coast.

Madam Speaker, on this 100th anniversary, I offer my heartfelt congratulations for its exemplary service to our community and I am confident that the legacy of the Infirmary as a leading health care center will long endure. Happy Birthday, Mobile Infirmary. And special thanks to the thousands of men and women who, over the years, have helped fulfill your core mission of health care excellence.

CONGRATULATING FRANCINE
FARKAS SEARS OF BRANFORD,
CONNECTICUT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend Francine Farkas Sears of Branford, a pioneering small businesswoman from my district whose company, Fabrique, has been named one of America's fastest-growing 5000 companies by Inc. Magazine. This acknowledgment is a testament to her entrepreneurial skills and spirit of innovation.

Francine is president and owner of Fabrique, a certified woman-owned business that provides cases and accessories for a host of consumer electronic products. Francine has led this company since the early 1980s driven by the vision of what women needed to compete and succeed in the business arena.

And its success is only the latest feather in the cap of a true trailblazer, one with 40 years of experience in the business world. As a stockbroker in the 1960s, Francine was recognized by Newsweek and the New York Times. And in 1972, she was the first businesswoman invited to visit Communist China, after President Nixon had normalized relations.

These achievements, like her inclusion on the Inc. list this year, speak to Francine's creativity, resilience, tenacity, and business savvy—all as plain as day to anyone who meets her. Perhaps most importantly, she has used her success to serve her community, by helping other women to join the business world and succeed in their own right.

I applaud Francine for achieving this recognition, and I congratulate her on both her thriving professional career and the continued success of Fabrique. She is a credit to the Branford community and an excellent reminder that small businesses can and do continue to thrive in our home state of Connecticut.

THE 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, on October 10th, the Republic of China will celebrate National Day, this year marking their 99th anniversary. The United States of American and Taiwan enjoy a close and strong relationship based on shared democratic values and free market economies.

I salute the people of Taiwan for their recent achievements, including the completion on June 29 of the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) with China. Improving relations between Taiwan and mainland China have greatly reduced tension across the Taiwan Strait.

While welcome, the improved relations between the two sides does not eliminate the need for the United States to continue to help Taiwan's defense capabilities under the Taiwan Relations Act. We should continue to aid Taiwan in replacing its aging air force. According to the most recent Department of Defense report on Taiwan's military power, China continues to enjoy air superiority over Taiwan.

It is also my view that we must support Taiwan's participation in global affairs by supporting Taiwan and its 23,000,000 people in becoming a member of the United Nations. An internationally visible Taiwan is a strong Taiwan.

Today, Taiwan is a major trading partner and friend. Our strong economic and cultural ties go back nearly a hundred years. We hope that this strong bond will continue for another 100 years and more.

TRIBUTE TO BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which begins on October 1. This month should serve as a time to reflect on the struggles faced by women fighting this deadly disease and to celebrate how far we have come and all we have accomplished in the fight for a cure.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, which has provided health services to more than 3.7 million underserved women. It focuses on one of the key factors in surviving breast cancer—early detection. Due to the sobering fact that breast cancer will afflict 1.3 million women this year, it is vital that we ensure access to affordable breast health services. Last year alone, the early detection program screened almost 325,000 women for breast cancer—and detected 4,600 instances of cancer.

In addition to maintaining this progress, we must also maintain our investment in innovative research to develop better screening tools and treatments. Numerous provisions in the health reform law will improve breast cancer

screening, including annual mammograms for women age 40 and older.

A number of non-profit organizations are dedicated to saving lives and ensuring quality care for those suffering from this terrible disease. This is the 30th anniversary of Nancy G. Brinker's promise to her sister, Susan Komen, that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever.

I encourage everyone to join me in recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I would like to acknowledge this month as a time of hope for those fighting this disease and to honor the 2.5 million survivors living in the U.S. today who serve as a testament to the power of education, early detection, and advances in treatment.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HOME-
LAND DEFENSE OPERATIONS
PAY EQUITY ACT

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, today I introduced a bill, the Homeland Defense Operations Pay Equity Act, which aims to address an oversight in statute that does treat members of the National Guard or Reserves, who are also federal civil servants, with pay parity during periods of activation in support of domestic operations.

The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–8) established Section 5538 of Title 5. The intent of this provision was to ensure that any member of the National Guard or Reserves who was called to active duty and who works as a federal civil servant does not incur a significant loss of income as a result of their activation to active duty service under Title 10. This was in direct response to the major activations for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Numbers of Guardsmen and Reservists who work for the federal government were suffering significant losses of income as a result of the activations to support Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. To address this disparity, Congress passed Section 5538 to ensure that the federal government, under specific regulations, pays the difference between their active duty pay and their federal salary.

However, Section 5538 does not cover a Coast Guard Reservist or National Guardsmen who was called to service in support of homeland defense operations under Title 32 or Title 14.

Since 9/11, our National Guardsmen and Reservists have answered the call to duty on numbers of domestic operations including Operation Noble Eagle, security at our airports, Hurricane Katrina operations, Operation Jump Start on the southwest border and most recently for BP oil spill clean-up. We should encourage, not penalize, our federal civil servants who perform domestic operations in the National Guard or Reserves. The Homeland Defense Operations Pay Equity Act would correct this oversight and ensure that Reservists and Guardsmen do not incur a significant loss of income in their service to our country.

I urge that this bill be passed, so that our dedicated Guardsmen, Reservists, and their families, do not face financial hardship while answering the call to service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor the 100th anniversary of the Civil Service Employees Association.

I want to publicly acknowledge this organization whose endeavors have served the best interests of the workforce in the State of New York. Labor unions have played an essential role in ensuring the prosperity, safety and liberty of workers in my home state, as well as our Nation, and around the world.

This great group of civil servants was first organized on October 24, 1910. The Civil Service Employees Association's founding was the first known instance of state employees organizing. One hundred years later, the Civil Service Employees Association is one of the largest, most influential unions in the United States.

It is New York's largest public employee union, representing 300,000 active and retired, public and private employees. Its members are an integral part of every locality and provide essential services throughout the state.

Today the association's members are the backbone of their communities, supporting every kind of charitable cause, service organization and community activity. With a membership of dedicated employees, the record of the Civil Service Employees Association in public service is one to be celebrated.

STATEMENT IN HONOR OF SOPHIE HAYFORD'S RETIREMENT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize the extraordinary work of the Rules Committee's Chief Counsel, who will be retiring this November.

For more than three decades, Sophie Hayford has served this chamber with grace and humility.

Beginning her tenure as a legislative aide to Representative Joseph Moakley, Sophie then went to work for the Rules Committee.

Over the past 24 years, Sophie has guided the Rules Committee and the House as a procedural specialist. She has been a constant resource to me and my staff and has helped guide the passage of several important initiatives.

My good friend—Chairwoman (LOUISE) SLAUGHTER—has been privileged to have Sophie on her staff. And I know I speak for my colleagues when I say that Sophie will be sorely missed on the Committee. But we all wish her the very best in the future.

Sophie: thank you so much for your hard work, dedication and the many late nights. It really has been a pleasure working with you.

Please enjoy your retirement, you certainly deserve it.

RECOGNIZING THE NICK MARSHALL FAMILY AS THE 2010 OKALOOSA COUNTY OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to commend the Marshall family on being selected as the 2010 Okaloosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

Dating back several generations, the hard work and dedication of Nick Marshall and his father James, along with Nick's wife Maryann and his mother Helen, have helped keep their family's farming tradition alive. They, along with their ancestors, have helped provide food and goods not only throughout their community, but throughout the Nation.

The Marshall family's current operation of growing cotton and peanuts was started by Nick's father in 1973. It was during his early years that Nick learned from his father, James, the importance of a strong work ethic and producing quality goods. The bond between father and son working on the farm is a special one and should be cherished; Nick hopes to one day share some of the same memories and life lessons with his son, Landen.

Madam Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Marshall family serves as an excellent model to all our Nation's family farmers. On behalf of Northwest Florida, I wish the Marshall family continued success and hope that their family tradition will continue to prosper for many future generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO NEAL WADE, ALABAMA'S TOP INDUSTRIAL RECRUITER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the incredible contributions of one of America's top economic development recruiters, Mr. Neal Wade, who will soon leave his home State of Alabama after accumulating a most impressive record of accomplishments.

Faced with many of the same economic challenges as other states, including the rapid decline of the textile industry, Alabama has spent much of the last decade recreating its image and reaching out to new industries.

And even when you include the impact of the global recession, which has spared few, the results have been nothing less than impressive.

Our State has made significant gains in landing a variety of top tier projects, including German steel manufacturer ThyssenKrupp Steel and Austal USA in my congressional district, as well as expansions in Alabama's automakers—Mercedes, Honda, Hyundai, and Toyota. We have also been at the forefront of developing our aerospace presence in ways

once thought impossible with the commitment by EADS and Airbus to grow their U.S. footprint in the State of Alabama. Without question, the man at the helm of Alabama's economic development efforts during this productive period has been Neal Wade.

Mr. Wade, a Sanford University graduate, spent the 1990's leading the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama. As president and CEO of the partnership of the State's leading businesses aligned to promote economic development, he demonstrated his unrivaled leadership capabilities and caught the eye of Governor Bob Riley who appointed him director of the Alabama Development Office in 2003.

In this new capacity, Mr. Wade wasted little time courting major new industry, including ThyssenKrupp, National Railcar, and more recently, Hyundai Heavy Industries. His efforts did not go unnoticed outside of the State. Twice during his stewardship, the Alabama Development Office was named the top economic development agency in the United States.

Mr. Wade recently announced that he is leaving his post at the ADO to become the senior vice president for economic development at the St. Joe Company. It is an understatement to say that Alabama will greatly miss the steady hand and wise counsel of Neal Wade. However, we wish him and his wife, Mary Ann, the very best in their future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, Alabama is a different State—and a much better place to call home—because of the tremendous team of Governor Bob Riley and ADO Director Neal Wade. While we will miss this dynamic duo next year, the seeds of the new investment that Neal has helped plant over the past several years will no doubt bear fruit for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE CINCINNATI REDS

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with all of Cincinnati to congratulate and celebrate the Cincinnati Reds becoming the 2010 National League Central Division Champions.

Cincinnati has a rich and proud tradition of great baseball teams. Cincinnati is the home of the first professional ball club beginning in 1879. The Reds have won World Series Titles in 1919, 1940, 1975, 1976, and most recently, 1990. The Reds also won National League Pennants in 1939, 1961, 1970 and 1972 and have numerous Reds players and coaches inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, this year's Reds ball club has had an astonishing number of come-from-behind wins and walk-off wins in the final at-bat. Last night was no different when, in the bottom of the ninth, Jay Bruce hit a home run to break a 2-2 tie and send Cincinnati into the post season.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Manager Dusty Baker for, leading this diverse team full of young players, seasoned

veterans, gold gloves, and an MVP candidate to the division title. I congratulate their owner, Mr. Bob Castellini, and his ownership group for bringing winning baseball back to my hometown in Cincinnati.

Go Reds.

FORECLOSURE FRAUD! BANK RATES VERSUS RULES FOR EVERYONE ELSE

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, foreclosure fraud can affect anyone, whether you have a mortgage, are paying on time, have income, or not. The average foreclosure hearing in a Florida court is 90 seconds. Mistakes are common, and fraud is rampant. Everyone is familiar with dealing with a big bureaucratic institution. What is happening is that these big bureaucratic loan servicers are charging fees inappropriately, refusing to talk to homeowners by putting calls through to call centers in India, and then foreclosing with forged documents once the homeowner has been drained of all assets and the will to fight.

There is one set of rules for banks, and another set of laws for everyone else. A servicer can ask for fees, it can demand payment, it can send you to call centers in India, and it doesn't have to negotiate. And you now have virtually no rights as a homeowner.

Here are four bizarre examples:

(1) Last summer, Fort Lauderdale resident Jason Grodensky experienced what has tragically become an increasingly familiar process all across America: his house was sold at a foreclosure sale after a bank notified the Florida courts that Grodensky had defaulted on his mortgage. The foreclosure came as a surprise to Grodensky, according to reports from the Sun-Sentinel. Not only did Grodensky not have a mortgage with the bank that sued to foreclose against his house, he had never had a mortgage at all. Grodensky had paid cash for his home.

(2) One house in Pinellas County, Florida saw two foreclosure suits brought against it because the banks didn't know who had title to the mortgage.

(3) One victim with a perfect payment record of all interest and principal was foreclosed on because of a \$75 contested late fee.

(4) Tim and Nicole West were victims of a predatory loan. In 2005, a bank threatened to sue the couple if they didn't sign a refinancing offer. Their loan servicer subsequently raised their payments from \$1900 to \$5300 a month, with regular forbearance fees required in the tens of thousands of dollars. Finally, the servicer refused to accept payments from the family in the name of negotiating for a mortgage modification. Instead of modifying the loan, their servicer began foreclosure proceedings. The servicer used fraudulent documents to prove that it had the right to foreclose.

Here's how it happened.

Securitizing mortgages was originally a way to take the cost of a mortgage of a bank's books. From 2005 onward, the securitization chain went out of control, and Wall Street

wanted as many mortgages as it could get, as quickly as possible, and as cheaply as possible. In order to allow it to pull out more fees at every link in the chain, subprime lenders, trusts, and banks decided to cut as many costs as possible, including record-keeping. They didn't keep good records, and violated the laws mandating that they had to file records with county clerks on who owned what mortgage title.

Instead, banks simply digitized mortgage titles into a privatized system called the Mortgage Electronic Registry System (MERS) and did the transfers by trading Excel spreadsheets among banks and trusts rather than by endorsing the notes as required by their own contracts, state real estate law, and IRS rules. Today, MERS is the registered owner of a security interest in 60 million properties or about 60% of the mortgages in the United States. 97% of the loans originated between 2005–2008 are in MERS.

It appears that on a widespread, probably pervasive basis, they did not take the steps necessary for them to own the note (a borrower IOU), which means that in 45 of 50 states, they lack the legal right to foreclose. Thus, every trust now has questionable legal standing in foreclosures in the overwhelming majority of states. In addition, the records were poorly kept, so servicers are basically guessing that they have the right to foreclose when they foreclose.

Obviously, the banks do not want to grapple with the consequence of trillions of dollars of securitized mortgages having no legal standing to foreclose. So, they have simply created a system whereby servicers hire 'foreclosure mill' law firms whose business is to forge documents showing that they have a legal right to foreclose. Some of these mills have been featured in the New York Times, and so-called 'robo-signers', people whose names show up on thousands of affidavits, despite obvious forgeries and overt admissions that these people had no knowledge of what they were signing.

The system is so organized that there is a company, Lender Processing Services, who allegedly has created the means to systemize fraud. Lawyers use the LPS system to request which affidavits and documents they need. LPS then has 'document mills' where they can magically make an authorized Vice President of Whoever You Need, and send you backdated signed documents saying you have the right to foreclose. Courts at first refused to believe that this level of rampant fraud exists, but more recently, they have started to sanction fraud against loan servicers.

Servicers don't make money through routine servicing; it's a break-even business. They make it at foreclosure, with a \$6,000 foreclosure fee. When you combine the incentive to foreclose with systemized fraud, it's lawlessness.

Fraud is now big business. And it's sanctioned in part through the government, as both Fannie and Freddie are shareholders in MERS.

We're approaching the point where the easiest way to make a buck is to steal it. The only way to end this plague of foreclosure fraud is to make sure that crime does pay.

CHILDHOOD CANCER SUMMIT

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MCCAUL. Madam Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to discuss a recent event in DC on an issue that has always been of particular significance to me. On September 16, 2010, I hosted a Childhood Cancer Summit with Congressman JOE SESTAK on behalf of the Pediatric Cancer Caucus. We held the Summit in September to honor Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Our goal was to raise awareness among Members of Congress and to advance policies to better treat and prevent this disease.

Pediatric cancer is the leading killer by disease of our nation's children. Thirty-five children, or the equivalent of an entire school classroom, are diagnosed every day.

However, pediatric cancer research remains woefully underfunded. To compound this problem, the small patient population creates no market incentive for pharmaceutical companies to develop pediatric cancer drugs. Therefore, there exists a lack of available treatments and drugs tailored specifically to childhood cancer. Only one drug has been manufactured particularly for pediatric cancer since the 1980s. In addition, three out of every five survivors face devastating long-term effects from their disease or their treatments. Pediatric cancer is a chronic disease, and we have much to learn before diagnosed children are guaranteed to lead full and normal lives.

It is the goal of the Pediatric Cancer Caucus to raise awareness for these issues, as well as to advocate in support of measure which will improve the lives of patients, and work toward eliminating this disease as a threat to all children. The Caucus now has about 80 members, and is steadily growing.

The Childhood Cancer Summit included a panel discussion between childhood cancer experts from around the nation. Participants came from many of the premier pediatric cancer centers, including MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The panelists discussed the unique challenges facing childhood cancer patients and their families compared with adult cancers, including the development of better treatments for kids with cancer and initiatives to improve the quality of survivorship.

It is my goal to use the recommendations from these panelists to shape an effective legislative agenda, and garner the support of my fellow policymakers. As policymakers, we have a responsibility to the many children and families suffering from this devastating disease.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF GEORGE IRELAND, JR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an

honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of northwest Florida's beloved George Ireland.

Mr. Ireland is survived by Jacqueline, his wife of 57 years; his three sons, George, Timothy and Bruce; as well as two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. To his family and friends, I would like to offer my deep and sincere condolences. George Ireland was not only a compassionate man, but also had a sharp wit and an immense love for his community. Northwest Florida has truly suffered a great loss with his passing.

Mr. Ireland served his country with honor and distinction in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and retired after more than 27 years of service in the United States Air Force with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. Following his retirement, Mr. Ireland moved to Niceville, Florida, where he served his local community as City Clerk for over 32 years and also served as President of the Florida Association of Clerks. Mr. Ireland was described by his colleagues as a "financial whiz"; his remarkable aptitude for managing budgets and records helped the city of Niceville continually run a budget surplus.

In 1978, he was the catalyst for the purchase of a cutting-edge computer system Niceville. He convinced the Niceville City Council to approve the purchase of computers to help facilitate a sophisticated internal system that allowed the city to save countless dollars. He was also responsible for founding an institute for the education and training of city clerks in northwest Florida; this service, provided at no cost to the cities of northwest Florida, was especially crucial as it allowed each city to cut the cost of sending their clerks to train in south Florida.

Mr. Ireland's excellence in financial management was recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association, which bestowed upon his office more than 20 annual awards for excellence in financial reporting. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Robert N. Clark Award from the Florida Association of City Clerks.

Mr. Ireland's dedication to his community was beyond reproach. After his retirement as City Clerk, he continued to give his time, even though he was off the payroll. He was also deeply involved in a myriad of fraternal organizations. Mr. Ireland was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Florida, where he served as District 1 Commander. He was a Master Mason of the Okaloosa Masonic Lodge 312 in Niceville, and was a 32nd Degree Knights Commander of the Court of Honor for the Hadji Shrine in Pensacola, Florida. He also served multiple times as President of the local Lions Club, but his real love was in serving as secretary and treasurer of the Lions Club—a position he held since the early 1960s. Mr. Ireland's service to his community was recognized in 2005 when he was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award—the highest award given by Lions Clubs International for humanitarian service.

To some George Ireland will be remembered as a courageous member of our armed services where he fought to protect the liberties and freedoms we all hold so dear; to others he will forever be a sharp, intelligent, and exceptionally compassionate public servant. He will long be remembered by his family and friends as a loving husband and father; and we will all remember his wit, energy, motivation and commitment to serving his commu-

nity. His impact he had on northwest Florida can never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life of George Ireland, and his living legacy.

MONROE JOURNAL EDITORIAL CALLING FOR RENEWAL OF BUSH TAX CUTS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I wish to submit for the RECORD an editorial published in the September 16th edition of the Monroe Journal in my congressional district, calling for the renewal of the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003.

CONGRESS MUST RENEW BUSH'S TAX BREAKS

In this economic environment it would be ludicrous to even consider not renewing the "Bush tax breaks" for everyone, especially so for middle class Americans.

President Barack Obama has said he supports renewing the federal income tax breaks for middle class workers, but he does not support renewing the tax breaks for persons making \$250,000 or more annually.

Unfortunately, the problem with not renewing the tax breaks for those who make \$250,000 or more is that many of those individuals are small business owners.

We all know that the majority of jobs in America are created by small businesses.

If the tax breaks are not continued for middle class workers, they would see an average increase of \$1,500 per individual in their annual federal income tax. And, if the tax breaks are not continued for small business owners, many of those middle class workers could find themselves on the unemployment lines in 2011.

Why not amend the tax law to continue the tax breaks for everyone, who makes less than \$250,000 annually and for small business owners, who make no more than \$500,000 annually? This would help middle class workers continue to make ends meet and help small businesses with minimum operating capital stay afloat in this shaky economy that is still in a rebound stage.

Madam Speaker, oftentimes the best ideas come from real America, not just those generated here inside the Washington Beltway. I hope my colleagues will take to heart this urgent plea from the editors and publisher of the Monroe Journal.

ISSUES REGARDING LYME DISEASE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, as chair of the congressional Lyme Disease Caucus and a person who has been closely involved in Lyme disease issues for over twenty years, I want to bring to your attention extremely troubling issues regarding Lyme disease.

Lyme disease is the most common of all vector-borne infections in the U.S., with ap-

proximately 290,000 new cases in 2008. With the increase in Lyme cases, problems due to poor diagnostics and ineffective treatments for Lyme disease have become almost overwhelming—affecting larger numbers of people over longer periods of time.

Many patients are angry because progress in addressing Lyme disease has been impeded by entrenched bias and a lack of accountability in the science of tick borne diseases. It is critical that we identify biases and impediments that are constraining the science on Lyme and to open up the dialogue to honest and transparent debate. The scientists who have long been marginalized, the treating physicians who have felt intimidated and threatened, and most importantly the sick patients and their families need our help.

My main purpose here today is to introduce for inclusion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following statement "The Patient Perspectives on the Research Gaps in Tick Borne Diseases," written by three of the Nation's largest Lyme disease advocacy organizations, who represent tens of thousands of patients. I believe that this statement provides important perspectives that need to be heard and taken to heart.

PATIENT PERSPECTIVES ON THE RESEARCH GAPS IN TICK BORNE DISEASES

(Submitted by Time for Lyme, the national Lyme Disease Association, and the California Lyme Disease Association on behalf of our patients across the United States)

In December 2009, Labor HHS 2010 appropriations language, signed into law by President Obama, encouraged the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to "sponsor a scientific conference on Lyme and tick-borne diseases . . . the conference should represent the broad spectrum of scientific views . . . and should provide a forum for public participation and input from individuals with Lyme disease." The language also requires NIH to identify research gaps to understand the "mechanisms of persistent infection." The passage of this language represents a significant opportunity to summarize and solidify the issues that prevent scientific progress for a disease recognized here for 35 years, if, and only if, this process occurs without bias. Progress can be accomplished if the stewards commit to the elimination of predisposition by key decision makers.

It is not clear why the NIH elected to subcontract this issue to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), given that the existing NIH conference structure contains the best process to address the appropriations language requirements. According to the NIH Consensus Development Program, which explains the two relevant types of conferences offered by NIH, "when the available evidence is weak or contradictory, or when a common practice is not supported by high-quality evidence, the State-of-the-Science label is chosen." This conference format would appropriately address the research gaps that exist for Lyme and tick-borne diseases as it provides a "snapshot in time" of the state of knowledge on the conference rather than a policy statement of the NIH or the Federal Government.

In Lyme disease, there are two distinct disease paradigms, each providing science to support its claims. One paradigm views the disease as "hard to catch and easy to cure" and denies the existence of chronic Lyme disease—persistent infection with *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the spirochete that causes the disease. Under this paradigm, the state of the science for patients with chronic Lyme disease is closed. Any treatment is considered too risky because practitioners are unable to determine the cause or extent of patient symptoms, or they view the symptoms

as insignificant and write off the patients' complaints as psychiatric in nature. This leaves seriously ill patients without any viable therapeutic avenues. It also shuts the door on future research necessary to get patients to a state of wellness.

The alternative paradigm says that the science is too unsettled to be definitive and there can be one or more causes of persistent symptoms after initial treatment in an individual who has been infected with the agent of Lyme disease. These causes include the possibility of persistent infection, or a post-infectious process, or a combination of both, with the Lyme bacterium itself driving the autoimmune process. This paradigm allows doctors the ability to exercise their clinical judgment and provide therapies that are helping their patients.

Patients with Lyme disease need a research agenda that reflects outcomes that matter to patients, namely effective diagnostic tools and effective treatments that restore them to health. The reason there are two disease paradigms in Lyme disease is because central pieces of the puzzle are missing or are inadequate. The first area of concern involves testing.

There are no reliable biomarkers of the disease.¹ Current diagnostic tests commonly used do not detect the spirochete that causes Lyme disease, rather, they detect only whether the patient has developed antibodies to the pathogen. Antibody production, if it registers on the tests at all, takes weeks to appear, thus rendering the current tests ineffective in the earlier and more easily addressed stage. Additionally, the Lyme antibody has been shown to form a "complex" with the bacterium itself—and tests cannot detect "complex" antibodies. Once triggered, antibody reactions may remain long after an infection has been treated, also clouding the diagnostic and treatment picture.

The two-tier testing system endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is very specific for Lyme disease (99%), so it gives few false positives. But the tests have a uniformly low sensitivity (56%)—missing 88 of every 200 patients with Lyme disease. By comparison, AIDS tests have a sensitivity of 99.5%—missing only one of every 200 infected patients.² Sensitive AIDS tests were developed less than 10 years into the disease, while archaic Lyme tests remain unreliable 35 years later. There is a critical need for research exploring newer technologies such as polymerase chain reaction (PCR), which is used with many other diseases, and cutting-edge proteomics. Strain variations and co-infections with other organisms, often transmitted by the same tick bite, obscure the diagnostic picture further.

A vast number of strains of *Borrelia burgdorferi* have been identified. Variation in strain may cause differing symptoms or severity of symptoms as well as determine the appropriate antibiotics and duration of treatment needed to clear the infection.³ Different strains may also express different proteins. Preliminary research shows that proteins need to be examined to find the ones most often expressed, then using microarray technology, doctors may be able to diagnose patients using a chip which contains the proteins.

Research is needed concerning the role of mutation on persistence. Some research indicates that bacteria can exchange genetic material, probably contributing to its ability to invade different systems in the body—some may have a proclivity for the heart muscle, others for the brain, and some for muscles and joints. By exchanging genetic material, bacteria may be able to form a symbiotic relationship to avoid detection by the immune response or to further invade the body.

To date, every NIH-funded treatment research study has been designed using the inaccurate diagnostic test results as part of the entry criteria. The entry criterion in these studies excluded the vast majority of Lyme patients and created sample sizes too small (less than 220 patients to date) to detect clinically important treatment effects or generalize to the clinical population. Moreover, Lyme has not attracted industry funding for treatment approaches, which places the disease at a considerable research disadvantage. To detect clinically relevant treatment effects requires much larger treatment trials with sample populations that reflect those seen in clinical practice.⁴

One thing that past research has demonstrated is that patients with Lyme are a heterogeneous population. Hence, the course of illness and responsiveness to treatment may vary depending on the duration of onset of the disease to its diagnosis and treatment, the presence of co-infections, comorbid factors, other genetic characteristics of the patients, and the virulence of the strain(s) with which the patient is infected. Research sample populations must reflect those seen in clinical practice to yield clinically relevant results.

As advised by the Appropriations language, research on the pathophysiology of Lyme disease is necessary. Research projects need to be designed which determine the course of the disease from inception, and which utilize treatments that effectively interfere with the mechanisms that allow the infection to persist. Little to no government sponsored science has been dedicated to the effects on persistence of the different forms of the Lyme bacterium (cyst vs. flagellar), the role, if any, of biofilms, sequestration of the organism from the immune system, the exchange and mutation of genetic material of the spirochete, and the role that components of the bacterial genome may play in protecting it from eradication by the immune system or antibiotics. Understanding the pathology of the organism can greatly enhance targeted diagnostics and treatment modalities.

Patients also need studies that explore a range of treatment options. The ideal antibiotics, route of administration, and duration of treatment for any stage of Lyme disease are not established. No single antibiotic or combination of antibiotics appears to be capable of completely eradicating the infection in all patients, and treatment failures or relapses are reported with all current regimens, although they are less common with early aggressive treatment.⁵ Treatment failure rates suggest the need to re-examine the effectiveness of the currently recommended monotherapy as a treatment approach. Studies need to explore combination treatments and longer term treatment regimens, which have been critical to the successful treatment of AIDS and tuberculosis.

Patients need the type of outcomes research advocated by the IOM to examine how well treatments are working in actual clinical practice.⁶ While not all patients with chronic Lyme disease have returned to a state of wellness, many have, and we need to find out how and why. This information can then be applied to other patients and used to establish a research agenda for treatment that has a likelihood of success, rather than abandoning patients based on limited treatment trials.

The IOM process does not allow these research ideas to be heard in an unbiased and transparent fashion with balanced divergent viewpoints. While the NIH process precludes bias on the part of panel members, the IOM does not. Four of the six members of the IOM panel that have been selected belong to IDSA, a medical society that has a known bias against chronic Lyme disease diagnosis

and treatment. Rather than providing curative treatments that restore health, the IDSA would provide costly and long term palliative treatments, presumably for life. While the NIH requires participation by major stakeholders (including patients and treating physicians), the IOM does not.

The summary of the IOM proceedings will reflect this pervasive lack of objectivity, undermining its integrity and credibility. Additionally, much IOM deliberation is done behind closed doors and an anonymous panel will be permitted to comment on the written record. Because of such flaws in the IOM proceedings, the three largest patient interest groups who were offered a brief opportunity to speak (TFL) at the IOM October 2010 meeting and an opportunity to provide a commissioned paper—CALDA, the LDA and TFL—pulled out of the conference in protest.

From a research perspective, strongly held paradigms can create a closed loop, and experiments may be designed, implemented and interpreted to support a particular viewpoint.⁷ The antidote to bias is to balance scientific perspectives and to ensure that all scientific viewpoints are being heard and explored. Given the extraordinary stream of federal funding granted to researchers who support the closed paradigm which was created and is supported by the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and their vested interest in maintaining the status quo, it is not reasonable to expect this group of researchers to serve as neutral arbiters of scientific debates over competing scientific paradigms. For example, Lyme related panels dominated by IDSA have time and time again excluded opposing viewpoints from participating or controlled the review process to ensure outcomes that reinforce the IDSA paradigm. If past is prologue, it is obvious what the future holds for panels dominated by one group.

Worse, the small treatment trials that have been conducted have been given an undue amount of weight by IDSA researchers and in its guidelines and used to apply a degree of certainty on the science that far exceeds the limitations of the small sample sizes of the studies. Further, they claim that the state of the science is sufficient to determine with certainty that chronic Lyme disease does not exist, is not treatable with antibiotics, and that no further research on this topic is needed. Sample size affects the strength of the conclusions that may be drawn from them: "Providing definitive answers in the face of low event rates and small-to-moderate treatment effects necessitates sample sizes in the thousands or tens of thousands. . . . Funding for such megatrials is very limited, and is often restricted to industry sources."⁸

For that reason, the Connecticut Attorney General antitrust investigation into the development process of IDSA Lyme guidelines found exclusionary practices and suppression of divergent viewpoints on the part of IDSA panels that crafted IDSA 2000 and the 2006 Lyme disease guidelines. Although IDSA settled the investigation with the Attorney General by agreeing to review its guidelines with a panel without conflicts of interest, the control of the process was in the hands of IDSA, which again selected a panel consisting almost exclusively of IDSA members and excluding treating physicians who held divergent viewpoints.

It was patients who pressed for the language in the Appropriations bill that called for a review of the state of the science of Lyme disease. However, patients need that process to occur in a transparent manner, without bias, and with the participation of all stakeholders. Albert Einstein defined insanity as "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

This process is a perfect example of that insanity.

Patients want research which will restore their health. Their voice and the voice of the clinicians must be given the necessary weight to legitimize the research agenda and the research process. Truth in science can be achieved through open debate in an independent process free from bias and conflicts of interest. The scientific process fails when one side of a debate controls the arena and sets the rules to ensure that its viewpoint prevails.

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EXPLANATION REGARDING COSPONSORING A BILL

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I wish to clarify that when I cosponsor a bill, it does not necessarily mean that I agree with every part of it. At a minimum, my cosponsorship indicates that I support moving the bill forward through the legislative process, including being marked up in committee, and if sent to the floor by the relevant committee(s), then subject to consideration and amendment on the floor.

TRIBUTE TO CORDY WILLIAMSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a rare find these days—a man who has dedicated 50 years to the

same employer. Cordy Williamson has worked for Progress Energy since 1960, and says about contemplating retirement, "I love going to work and I love Progress Energy. Why should I retire when I have all this going for me?"

Mr. Williamson first joined Progress Energy when it was known as Carolina Power & Light, working on the line crew. Sometimes, that meant digging ditches with his bare hands and a shovel. It did not seem hard for him, having grown up on a farm in Aynor, South Carolina where manual labor was a part of his everyday life.

Even though he was comfortable with the physical aspects of the job, his supervisors saw promise in Mr. Williamson's leadership abilities. He moved up the ladder, assuming positions such as lineman, meter reader, and Line and Service Supervisor. These jobs took him to Laurinburg and Lumberton, North Carolina, and Kingstree and Florence, South Carolina.

In 1987, Mr. Williamson became a distribution inspector, inspecting work performed by Progress Energy crews as well as tree trimming crews.

I believe this letter by Mrs. L.B. White written to the District Manager's office in Florence in 1973 sums up Mr. Williamson's 50 years of dedication to his work:

"... Last Saturday I went in to fix lunch—no heat, no lights, and a complete power failure. I immediately called your service department . . . and in about twenty minutes Mr. Cordy Williamson was here. It was quite a job. He was so courteous and patient with me (an old woman). I wanted you to know what a wonderful fellow he is and how fortunate you are to have such a man with your company. I tried to pay him—no pay would he accept. Such an honest, up-right man (sic). Hope everything good possible will come to him. I am a widow and live alone and he meant much to me."

Mr. Williamson is the father of two daughters, Amanda and Margaret, and two sons, Jamie and Cordy. He enjoys fishing, motorcycle riding, and flying. He served the Civil Air Patrol in South Carolina and also flew assignments for the U.S. Customs Agency. He helped to start the "MayFly" Air Show in Florence in 1986 and continues to organize the show today.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating Cordy Williamson on reaching this tremendous milestone in his employment with Progress Energy. His commitment to his work is admirable and a model for young people today to emulate. I wish him many more years of happiness on the job.

CONGRATULATING LUIGI'S DELICATESSEN ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a leading small business in our community, Luigi's Delicatessen, which is celebrating 100 years of operation in Bakersfield, California on October 3, 2010.

Originally founded in 1910 as Luigi's and Lemucchi's Grocery by Joe Lemucchi, Luigi's is one of Bakersfield's oldest family owned and operated businesses. The café and grocery store reflect the city's rich tradition and in its early days, one could always hear the constant chatter of the different languages that made up the original immigrant community. Joe's son, Louis, later inherited the family business and covered the walls with photos of local athletes that span more than seventy years. These photos have attracted multiple generations of Kern County patrons who return with friends and family to view favorite photos. The same recipes from the café, such as Emelia Lemucchi's Bolognese pasta sauce recipe that she brought from Italy, are being used by the current keepers of the legacy, Antonia Valpredo, daughters Monica and Lanette and son Gino—all of whom make up the third and fourth generations of the family.

Luigi's is more than just a restaurant in Bakersfield. It is a staple in our community and exemplifies our town's culture. A culture of pride in one's craft is embodied in the pasta and meats prepared. From the receptionist to the wait staff, the friendly atmosphere makes even first time visitors feel like regulars. Luigi's has had a long standing reputation of hospitality, dating back to the early twentieth century, when Joe Lemucchi would rent out small cottages he constructed himself to bachelor Italian immigrants who had just moved into the area. Luigi's is one of Bakersfield's iconic locations, bringing together a community of different backgrounds and perspectives to enjoy delicious cuisine.

I have been going to Luigi's my whole life. Growing up in Bakersfield, Luigi's is one of the best restaurants around. I always order a ½ & ½—it is a true taste of Bakersfield, as it is a humble combination of pasta and meat sauce with Luigi's Italian beans. My wife Judy loves Luigi's Monica's Salad. To top it off, everyone must have the Butterfinger Pie for dessert. It is an icy delight that perfectly blends candy bar, ice cream, and biscotti cookie crust to make one of my favorite desserts. Luigi's is a gathering place filled with friendly faces and great food.

Luigi's is one of the bedrocks of our small business community that measures success in its loyalty from generations of local customers. It is a family run institution in the Kern County community and I thank Luigi's for its 100 years of service to the people of Bakersfield, and wish them the very best in the next 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO JULIEN E. MARX

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of a highly respected entrepreneur and philanthropist from my district who recently passed away at the age of 68.

On August 10, Mobile lost a dear friend with the death of Mr. Julien E. Marx. Mr. Marx was the epitome of a model citizen—a veteran, a successful businessman, a civic leader, a compassionate humanitarian and lover of animals, and a devoted benefactor of higher education.

Mr. Marx was a graduate of Murphy High School and the University of Alabama, where he was business manager of the Crimson White. Upon graduation, he joined the Army, serving as a second lieutenant during the Vietnam War.

Returning to Mobile, Mr. Marx became active in developing small businesses and joint venture projects. He was best known for his ownership of local real estate and his Julien E. Marx Realtors.

While many would be content with tending to their business interests, Mr. Marx used his passion and energy to better the lives of others. He was an active booster and board member of the Boy Scouts of America, as well as MARC, which improves the lives of intellectually and physically-challenged adults in the Mobile area.

Mr. Marx endowed a number of University of South Alabama scholarships, including the promotion of art education among minority students. He was a lover of photography, having donated his family's extensive collection of Mobile historical photographs to the University of South Alabama.

Mr. Marx also used his time and resources to back many inventions, from medical research to consumer products. Ironically, he will never be known for all the good that he did because he often chose to give to others anonymously.

Madam Speaker, there simply isn't space in this tribute to fully capture Julien Marx's contributions to our community. He was uniquely American—a dreamer, a doer, a giver, a lover of life. In short, he was a community treasure.

I join so many in South Alabama in mourning Julien Marx's passing and also in extending condolences to his wife of 18 years, Linda, and extended family and friends. You are all in our prayers.

RECOGNIZING GREG MITCHELL
FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE U.S. MILITARY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to a great man in my hometown of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Greg Mitchell is a hands-on, results-oriented leader with a proven track record of achieving success. A longtime resident of Colorado Springs, Mitchell is retiring this year after serving six years as President of Colorado Technical University, CTU.

Greg, a former Naval officer, has championed our state's veterans and young people in both his professional and personal roles for nearly three decades.

As President of CTU, he played a key role in developing programs to serve soldiers, including the wounded warrior program that awards 50 scholarships annually to wounded veterans and their spouses. He once said, "If you do the right thing, it's very rewarding. We can't do enough for the military today." In 2008, the school was named one of the most military friendly institutions in the country.

Under his leadership, Colorado Technical University partnered with the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund to provide a full four-year scholarship for a son or daughter of an American military hero who has served and sacrificed for our nation's freedom. CTU pledged \$1 million in full tuition scholarships for Freedom Alliance scholarship recipients who wish to attend their University.

Prior to coming to Colorado Technical University, Mitchell worked in Colorado Springs for Plasmon LMS/Philips Laser Magnetic Storage, Media Security Incorporated, Brown Disc Manufacturing, and the NCR Corporation.

Outside of Mitchell's professional contributions to our community, he has served on numerous community boards. Some of his volunteer work includes serving on the following boards:

- Better Business Bureau
- Colorado Thirty Group
- The Home Front Cares
- Congressman Doug Lamborn's Defense Advisory Board
- Advisory Board for the Latino Chamber of Commerce
- Advisory Council on Military Education
- Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Vitality Group Advisory Board

Mitchell is a devoted husband and father. He has been married for twenty years to his wife, Cindy, and is the father of three grown children, Garth, Blake, and Paige.

I thank Greg for his tremendous contribution to our community and our men and women in uniform. He is a great American patriot.

INTRODUCING THE MARINE DEBRIS ACT REAUTHORIZATION AMENDMENTS OF 2010

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, marine debris is a global problem degrading the environmental health of the world's oceans. Near my home island of Guam is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a huge area hundreds of miles wide within the North Pacific gyre. The Garbage Patch contains virtually tons of plastics and other non-degradable litter, especially discarded fishing gear, that was tossed, intentionally or unintentionally, into the ocean and now drifts indefinitely, harming both ocean wildlife, such as sea turtles and marine mammals, and impacting sensitive marine habitats, such as coral reefs.

Unfortunately, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch—while emblematic of the problem of marine debris—is no longer unique. As we learned earlier this year, a new garbage patch has emerged in the Atlantic Ocean in the region between the Island of Bermuda and the Azores Islands located in the Mid-Atlantic Ocean east of Portugal. Both areas pose a troubling, pernicious threat to not only ocean ecosystems, but also to navigational safety and coastal aesthetics.

Today, in recognition that we must continue to take purposeful action to address this challenging environmental threat, I have intro-

duced legislation to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

My legislation is straightforward and was developed in consultation with NOAA and numerous stakeholder organizations. The bill would clarify the scope and purposes of the program, maintain existing program activities initiated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Coast Guard, and also encourage greater and more effective cooperation, both domestically and abroad. Importantly, my legislation will help ensure that the program remains focused on delivering results without additional Federal spending.

Under this program NOAA has implemented a variety of projects in collaboration with state and local governments, NGOs, and industry to prevent and reduce marine debris from entering the marine environment and providing incentives for its removal once it appears. For example, Covanta Energy, a global innovator in "energy from waste" technologies, has worked collaboratively with NOAA to pioneer the use of marine debris to generate electric power.

In addition, the Northwest Straits Commission in the North Puget Sound region of Washington State, received funding made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and coordinated through the Marine Debris Program to remove derelict fishing gear from Puget Sound, vastly cutting down on "ghost fishing" and navigational hazards that negatively impact habitat as well as the local economy.

Organizations that support my legislation, such as the Ocean Conservancy, the United Nations Environmental Program, and the Marine Conservation Biology Institute, remain hard at work to raise public awareness about this serious issue.

The 25th annual International Coastal Cleanup, first initiated in 1985 by the Center for Environmental Education, took place last Saturday. The Coastal Cleanup is the world's largest volunteer effort in support of ocean conservation; each year, the Coastal Cleanup mobilizes hundreds of thousands of people in over 100 countries to clean up our beaches, lakes, and rivers. In the past 25 years the Coastal Cleanup has engaged more than 8 million dedicated volunteers, who have removed more than 125 million pounds of trash around the world.

Last year, in Guam alone 3,006 volunteers picked up 17,776 pounds of trash along 22.5 miles of coastline. This trash included everything from 21,900 soda cans to 194 tires, and so much more debris in the form of plastic bottles, bags and nets. This effort is a great opportunity for citizens to make a hands-on difference in improving the ocean and coastal areas. I applaud the Ocean Conservancy for their efforts to coordinate this annual event for 25 years, and I urge my colleagues to do their part by supporting my legislation to reauthorize the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to reauthorize this highly successful and effective legislation that addresses one of the most serious threats to our oceans today.

HONORING THE ONE HUNDREDTH
ANNIVERSARY OF CALVARY
BAPTIST CHURCH IN ALLEN-
TOWN, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the centennial anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church located in Allentown, Florida.

Calvary Baptist Church was first organized on October 12, 1910 by a group of 33 members of a tightknit farming community. After a revival meeting, the charter members decided to establish a church to observe and uphold the Word and teachings of Jesus Christ. These founders provided a strong, moral framework which established the values that the church continues to uphold today; multiple generations of the Allentown community have grown worshipping and rejoicing in the Word of God at Calvary Baptist Church.

In 1919, after 9 years of worshipping in the "Solid Block" school, the congregation bound together to build a new house of worship. Through the strength of the Almighty, the church ministered through World War II, and in 1945, church members began work on a new Sanctuary that is still in use today and provides a sanctified space for the propagation of the Gospel of the Lord.

Membership has grown in the 100-year history of this Church, from the original 33 charter members to a congregation of 381 today. The impressive growth and outstanding achievements, however, do not tell the whole story of the people of Calvary Baptist Church. The true triumph of this Church lies in its congregation's faithful devotion to the Lord.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pleasure to commemorate the centennial anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church in Allentown, Florida. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to bless the Church and its congregation. I am certain this anniversary is the first of many milestones to come.

TRIBUTE TO RALPH STACY, A
TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR ALA-
BAMA BUSINESS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I note the untimely passing of one of Alabama's most dedicated and talented boosters of economic development, not to mention a dear personal friend to me and countless others, Mr. Ralph Stacy.

At a much-too-young age of 53, Ralph Stacy passed away on September 14, 2010 in Montgomery, Alabama. At the time of his death, he was the Senior Vice President for Strategic Communications of the Business Council of Alabama (BCA) and Executive Director of The Partnership, a program which links the state's 120 local Chambers of Commerce with the BCA.

The founding President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama, Ralph Stacy was unequalled in his ability to promote local business by building coalitions and utilizing effective communication strategies.

A skilled communicator who possessed an extraordinary talent for salesmanship, Ralph Stacy received two national television and print marketing awards. He was an author, syndicated columnist and radio host.

Ralph Stacy was a member of the BCA Board of Directors, Class Sixteen of Leadership Alabama, the Board of Troy University's Center for International Business and Economic Development, a Governor's appointee to the Alabama Partnership for Children and was President of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Council of Association Executives. He was also a founding partner and executive committee member of the Alabama Community of Excellence (ACE) program.

A former director of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Ralph Stacy was a native of nearby Georgiana, in south Butler County. He was a leader his entire life, earning the rank of Eagle Scout as a young man and going on to graduate from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, where he was a member of the golf team.

Ralph Stacy was not only a skillful business leader, but a gifted story teller and even an ordained minister, shepherding the Beatrice Community Church in Monroe County, Alabama.

Madam Speaker, I know I speak for everyone across our state who had the good fortune to know and work with Ralph Stacy that his death leaves a giant void in the fabric of Alabama.

Ralph always put the interests of our people and our communities first. His friendship, warm personality and his tireless advocacy for Alabama jobs and prosperity will be deeply missed. There was but one Ralph Stacy and his leadership can never be replaced.

On behalf of our state, I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wonderful wife, Angel, and their lovely daughter, Savannah, as well as Ralph's extended family for their loss. You are all in our prayers.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIE JEFFRIES

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to South Carolina's newest inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame and one of our State's favorite native sons. Coach Willie Jeffries has distinguished himself as a trailblazing coach, a tremendous motivator, and wonderful ambassador for his community, his alma mater, and the State of South Carolina.

Willie Jeffries was born in Union, South Carolina in 1937, and is a graduate of South Carolina State College (now University) in Orangeburg, South Carolina, where he played football and baseball. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in guidance and counseling.

Jeffries' coaching career began in 1960 as assistant coach at Barr Street High School in

Lancaster, South Carolina. A head coaching position followed in 1961 at Granard High School in nearby Gaffney, where he compiled a 6-year record of 65–7–2. He won three consecutive state AAA championships, 1964, 1965 and 1966.

In 1973 Jeffries' alma mater called him to serve as its head football coach. During the next six seasons at South Carolina State, his record was an impressive 50–13–4. In 1979, Division I-A football and history called. Jeffries was offered and accepted the head coaching position at Wichita State University, becoming the first African American to coach a Division I team.

Jeffries became the 32nd head coach for the Wichita State University Shockers in Wichita, Kansas. During his 6-year tenure he compiled a record of 21–32–2, which ranks him third in the school's history for total wins. In 1982, his team went 8–3, which holds the distinction as the last winning season in Wichita State history. Wichita's program was discontinued after the 1986 season.

In 1984, Jeffries left Wichita State to become head coach at Howard University in Washington, DC, where he led the Bisons to their first league victory and a national championship.

In 1989, Jeffries returned to his beloved South Carolina State for what was to be another 13 years as head coach. During those years, Jeffries earned a national title and made three Heritage Bowl appearances. He retired from coaching in 2001, and served as director of athletic fund-raising until 2005, when he accepted the athletic director position at Grambling State University. Earlier this year, Jeffries was named head coach emeritus at South Carolina State and serves as a liaison between the university, its alumni, and other constituents.

Over his outstanding career Jeffries has received several honors. He was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. He is also a member of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Hall of Fame. He has also received numerous honors for his community service including the Order of the Silver Crescent, South Carolina's highest award for outstanding community service, the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian award. A scholarship fund and endowment have been established in his name at SCSU. During the 2002 school year, he was honored by the Black Coaches' Association with a lifetime achievement award and inducted into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame.

The highest honor of his career came on July 17, 2010, when Jeffries was inducted in the College Football Hall of Fame. The requirements any coach must meet before being considered for this honor include coaching a minimum of 10 years and 100 games as a head coach, be retired for at least 3 years, and have won at least 60 percent of their games. Jeffries easily passed the first two tests, but he fell just short of the 60 percent winning record with a winning percentage of .565. Because of Jeffries' remarkable career spanning 317 games over 29 years and his historic significance, the selection committee considered him a candidate who should qualify for an exception based on his unique record.

Jeffries is a three-time Black National Championship winner, and is credited with inventing the "Freeze Option" offense. He is the only person in history to coach against both College Football Hall of Famers Paul "Bear" Bryant and Eddie Robinson. Jeffries won the MEAC conference title seven times, six with SCSU and one with Howard. He coached College Football Hall of Famers Harry Carson and Donnie Shell.

In addition to his accomplishments on the field, it was also Jeffries work off the field that made him worthy of this extraordinary honor. He is a much sought after speaker and a tremendous ambassador for South Carolina State University. He is a member of several coaching, professional and civic organizations, including the American Football Coaches Association, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and NCAA Football Rules Committee.

He and his wife, Mary, are the parents of three children and currently reside in Ellore, South Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me and South Carolina State University in congratulating Coach Willie Jeffries on his induction in the College Football Hall of Fame and having November 6, 2010 celebrated as his day on the campus of SCSU. He is a legendary coach, whose love of football made him an unexpected barrier breaker. While he seeks no recognition for his extraordinary contributions to the sport and to society, I can think of no one more deserving of these honors.

RECOGNIZING SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I support H. Res. 1663, a bill supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month. In 1983, Congress first recognized September as the month to nationally commemorate sickle cell disease awareness. And it is in that same vein today that I ask for support of H. Res. 1663.

More than 2.5 million Americans have the sickle cell trait. The sickle cell trait is found in 1 of 12 African Americans. There is a 1 in 4 chance that a child born to parents who both have the Sickle Cell Trait will develop the sickle cell disease. The average life span for an adult with the sickle cell disease is 45 years.

Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder characterized by affected red blood cells that mutate into the shape of a crescent or sickle, and as such are unable to pass through small blood vessels. It is a recessive genetic condition that occurs when a child inherits two sickle cell genes- or traits- from each parent. The horrific outcomes of this condition include considerable pain in one's arms, chest, legs and abdomen, anemia, gallstone, strokes, as well as damaging tissue in the liver, spleen, kidney, and death. The sickle cell disease primarily affects African-Americans and other ethnic groups.

Mr. Speaker, I would also just note that the devastation of this disease on those who are affected by it is, indeed, tremendous. I have

had firsthand experience with it by virtue of having run a sickle cell community education project for the University of Illinois in Chicago and came in contact with many of the patients and their families; saw the pain and suffering firsthand.

I would urge all my colleagues to support the passage of this resolution.

STATE ETHICS LAW PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3427, the State Ethics Law Protection Act of 2009. This simple bill goes a long way in closing a loophole that discourages states from enacting tough pay-to-play reforms.

Under current policy, states like Illinois that take a stand against corrupt practices by prohibiting the awarding of highway contracts to campaign contributors may jeopardize a share of their highway funding. In 2008, when a tough pay-to-play law was being considered in Illinois, the Federal Highway Administration intervened and threatened to withhold Federal dollars if the law was enacted.

The shameful and unethical string of crimes perpetrated by public officials in the State of Illinois is by now well known, but the FHWA's intervention led the General Assembly to water down what would have been a tough and effective anti-corruption law. What's more, the FHWA's application of this policy has been occasional and uneven. Of the eight states that have enacted pay-to-play legislation, only New Jersey and Illinois have been singled out.

H.R. 3427 will untie the hands of state legislatures that seek to take bold action to combat pay-to-play practices and restore the public's faith in government. It will also help ensure that federal dollars will not be wasted on contracts doled out to political cronies.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill, which will help state legislatures hold the line against corruption.

SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF PEACE AGREEMENT IN SUDAN

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. McCAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1588, concerning the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan during and after the upcoming referendum. We are now less than 100 days away from one of the most crucial dates in Sudan's recent history. On January 9th, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement will expire and the citizens of Sudan will have the opportunity to vote both on the referendum on self-determination for Southern Sudan and the referendum on whether Abyei will remain in the north or join the south. This resolution highlights the importance of these votes and the

many challenges currently facing Sudan, from continued violence in Darfur to questions about resource allocation.

We are concerned about the repeated lack of attention and focus placed on Sudan in the months leading up to the referendum. The Administration must engage further with the local groups and governments to ensure these votes are fair and free and that all citizens have the ability to determine their future. Many issues including borders, oil and revenue sharing, and right of return for refugees still need to be discussed in advance of the votes and resolved in a manner that satisfies the concerns of all of the groups involved. Even as the Comprehensive Peace Agreement expires, we must work to facilitate continued dialogue on these important issues.

This is a critical time for the future of Sudan, and we must not put ourselves in a position where we look back in January and regret not taking action sooner. No matter the outcome of the referendum, we need to encourage the people of Sudan to continue to take positive steps towards a peaceful future. This resolution lays out our specific recommendations for how the Administration can encourage this outcome, and I hope you all will support it.

CONCUSSION TREATMENT AND CARE TOOLS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House of Representatives Bill 1347 (H.R. 1347), the Concussion Treatment and Care Tools Act. I am honored to have joined with my fellow cochair of the Congressional Traumatic Brain Injury Taskforce, Representative BILL PASCRELL, in introducing this important legislation that aims to make significant progress in protecting student athletes from brain injuries.

It is estimated that as many as 41 percent of high school athletes who suffer from concussions return to play too soon. The consequences of this practice are extremely dangerous, as suffering a second concussion before an existing head injury has time to heal can lead to brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death. However, when students, coaches and athletic trainers are provided the proper training in prevention, detection, and management, these instances can largely be prevented. As such, the bill we are considering today provides States with the tools needed to adopt and disseminate concussion management guidelines for school-sponsored sports. In addition, the bill would fund schools' implementation of computerized pre-season baseline and post-injury neuropsychological testing for student athletes to determine the severity of each injury. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 1347 and making significant gains in protecting high school student-athletes.